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Foreword

I am happy to know that the new English translation of the Mar Thoma liturgy is almost ready for publication. I congratulate Coorilos Thirumeni and his team for the splendid work they have done. The services of Dr. George Zachariah and Rev. Manoj M. Zacharia have been specially commended by Thirumeni.

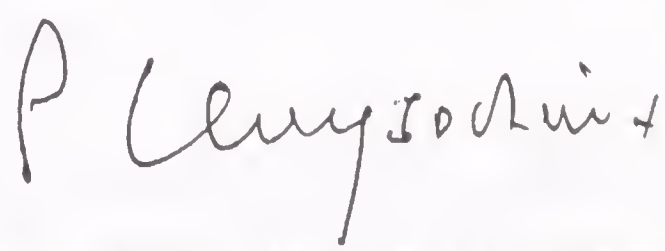
Liturgy is the action of the people. So the language, style and cadence are of great importance. This being a work of the people who use it, will I believe receive greater acceptance of the people.

This is an eastern liturgy in a western garb. The otherness of God, the glory of worship, the realization of the sin of man and the world are important elements in this liturgy. The Eucharist is the response of the sinner to the mercy of God that transforms the lost to the glorious company of the archangels. It is involvement in the transforming act God in the redemption of man to the Glory of God. To join in the Eucharist liturgy is one of the sacred and blessed experience of man on this world. The liturgy relates heaven to earth and earth to heaven.

May the use of this liturgy wash the defilement of human life, strengthen the lame to jump in newfound joy, help many to peep into the blessed experience of heaven. Besides being of great help in participating in the Qurbana service, meaningfully and fruitfully this will help us to use it for personal meditation.

With prayers and blessings,

28.08.2006



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MAR THOMA METROPOLITAN

Preface

The beginning of the Christian liturgical worship has been traced to the first century. It is the source of the Church's life. God entered our world in Jesus Christ, worked in and through His people and still challenges persons to work. God continues His work through the words and deeds of the worshippers. As F. D. Shafer points out, "Worshippers are the work of God and the workers of God." Therefore our liturgy is the human response to the mighty works of God.

One of the main thrusts of the reformation is to worship in the vernacular. St. James liturgy is one of the ancient liturgies of the Christian Church and our denoted forefathers have revised it, by incorporating prayers, in order to make it more meaningful, time-to-time. Though the present book echoes all traditional and cultural integrity of the St. James liturgy, its translation is old and we have been using it for a long period of time.

This new English translation is being attempted against the background of the present context of the Church and this Diocese in particular. The scope of this version is to make the traditional form of liturgy more communicative, understandable and sensible to the youngsters. The liturgical commission and the honorable Episcopal Synod approved this translation. I hope this translated Taksa will pave way for the English speaking generation to experience a meaningful worship.

Translation requires knowledge of the factual data, literary acumen and mental grasp to present it in a clear, logical, simple and lucid way. I think Rev. Manoj M. Zacharia and Dr. George Zachariah shown in simple, straightforward ways how to accomplish this. The thaksa's print formatting and copy editing was executed by Mr. James T. Philip and Mr. Koshy P. Koshy, respectively. They deserve recognition.

May the Triune God help both the clergy and laity to grow in true faith through the liturgical worship.

With prayerful regards,

Euyakim Mar Coorilos Episcopa
Diocesan Bishop

August 29, 2006

The Order of Preparatory Service before the Holy Communion (Thooyaba Service)

[The Priest stands before the altar and begins the service]

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: O Lord, grant to us, weak and sinful people, Your blessings and mercy in this life and the life to come. Amen.

Introductory (Beginning) Prayer

P: O Lord God who is merciful and loves humankind, the one Lord and creator, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to whom praise and honor are due from all, make us worthy to stand in Your holy and awesome presence and serve You always with awareness, awe and spiritual order, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm of Repentance (Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin;

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C: Against You, You only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in Your sight.

P: So that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless in Your judgment.

C: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

P: Behold, You desire truth in the inward being and taught me wisdom in my secret heart.

C: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Fill me with joy and gladness; let the bones which You have broken rejoice.

C: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

C: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore in me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

C: Then I will teach transgressors Your ways and sinners will return to You.

P: Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your deliverance.

C: O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: For You have no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, You would not be pleased.

C: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Bless, O Lord.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: I will come to the altar of God who makes my childhood joyful.

O God, Heavenly King, entering Your house I bow before Your throne of grace. I beseech You to forgive all the sins I have committed against You.

O Lord bind our feast days up to the horns of Your altar with chains. You are my God, I will praise You for ever.

O Jesus, abounding in light, through Your light we see light. O the ray of the Heavenly Father, since You are the light that enlightens all creation with the radiance of Your light.

O holy and righteous one, who dwells in the realm of light, forbid us from evil emotions and shameful thoughts and grant us Your grace to do deeds of righteousness with purity of heart.

C: Amen.

or chant

Promeon of Repentance

P: Let us pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

C: O merciful Lord, bless us and help us.

P: Make us worthy to continually offer unto You our praise, thanksgiving, glory, and unfading honor, now and forevermore.

To the one merciful Father who answers the prayer of sinners who call upon Him, to the compassionate one and only Son who accepts those who knock with repentance at His door and to the only Holy and Living Spirit who cleanses the guilty who seek Him, belong glory, honor and worship all the days of our life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sedra

P: O God, benevolent, merciful, gracious, compassionate and gentle, the God who loves humanity; You prefer merciful deeds over our sacrifices. More than the whole burnt offerings, You desire the offering of a broken and contrite heart. O Lord, You accept a humble spirit over the blood of fat oxen, lambs and fragrant sacrifices. O God, at this time, we beseech You to kindly accept our spiritual sacrifice offered on Your heavenly altar. Make us worthy in this, our spiritual worship, to present ourselves as an acceptable and living sacrifice that is well pleasing in Your sight. Enable us to submit with broken heart and lowly spirit, on the altar above, these just and spiritual sacrifices. Along with those who possess discernment and wisdom, enable us to embark into the new world as transformed beings, so that as a new creation, You will help us become Your lofty and pure sheep. O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, enable all of us to worthily and continuously sing Your praises always, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Dear Lord, I knock at Your door and beg for Your abundant mercies from Your bountiful treasury. I am a sinner who for long have strayed away from Your ways. I confess my grievous sins and help me to forsake them and to live by Your grace.

O compassionate Lord, where else can I knock? To whom shall We turn, if not to You? Who will plead our case, if not You, O glorious king whom the kings adore?

or chant

P: O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we beseech You to be our high fortress and refuge from the evil one and his army. When You separate the good and the bad, hide us under Your wings of mercy.

Lord, let the sound of our service be the key that unlocks the gates of Heaven. Let the archangels proclaim in their columns "How sweet are the voices of earthly ones. The Lord will swiftly grant their petitions."

(or chant)

Ethra

P: May the fragrance of our prayers be always sweet to You. Let our prayers be the incense that is well pleasing to You. Thus, through Your mercies may we be reconciled with the entire creation.

C: Amen.

Ekba

P: O Lord, the one who is compassionate to sinners, we have sinned against You. We beseech You to accept our petition and forgive our shortcomings. O Lord unto whom all things belong, be merciful to us.

(or chant)

or another

P: O Lord, the Messiah, who accepted the gift of the holy priest Melchizedek, kindly accept Your servant's petition. I beseech You to forgive the sins of Your parish.

Hoothamma

P: O Lord, make us worthy to submit all our thoughts, words, and deeds as a fragrant sacrifice of praise. O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, throughout our life time may we be found blameless and well pleasing whole burnt offerings, in Your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✣ Here the priest leads the congregation by hymning the Kauma (Prayer of Adoration).

✣ Here ends the Thooyaba Service, the first service before Qurbana, which can be conducted in public or in silence.

Part II

✣ [Prayer before the vesting of the priest]

O Lord God, since I have leaned towards unwholesome deeds and have worn the filthy garments with which Satan has covered me, I beseech You to remove those garments and adorn me with those which are fit and proper for the service of Your majesty and for Your holy name, now and forever. Amen.

✣ [Priest washing his hands]

O Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make us worthy to enter Your most sacred temple with purified hearts and clear consciences and stand before Your holy altar in purity and holiness. In this manner, enable us to present always spiritual sacrifices in true faith. Amen.

✣ [putting on the white garment]

O Lord God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, clothe me with the robe of incorruption. O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, grant us the grace to walk before You in true faith and holiness all the days of our lives. Amen.

✣ [putting on time stole]

O Lord, You will gird me in the battle against evil. You will humble and bend the knees of those who stand against me.

✣ [putting on the girdle]

O Lord, the mighty one, gird me with the sword of Your spirit for Your strength and glory are victorious for ever.

✣ [putting on the left sleeve]

O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sanctify us for service that brings honor, and use us as chosen vessels and holy temples befitting the glory of Your holy name. We pray that You consecrate every part of our body for Your service as a righteous weapon prepared for all good deeds that You call us to do. Amen.

O Lord, You trained and prepared my hands for the battle and firmly established my arms like brass bows.

✣ [putting on the right sleeve]

O Lord, Your right hand will come to my aid. Your chastening will help me grow.

✣ [putting on the cope]

O Lord, Your priests will wear justice, and the righteous ones will wear Your glory. Do not turn Your face away from Your anointed because of Your servant David. Amen.

✣ [placing the bread in the paten]

Our Lord was led like a lamb for slaughter, he was silent as a sheep before her shearers. He did not open his mouth in his lowly state. O Lord, You have firmed Your seat of power in holiness. We pray that You establish it with Your holy hands. The Lord will reign for ever.

✣ [mixing wine and water in the chalice]

Jesus, our Lord Messiah, was hung on a tree in Jerusalem between two robbers; his side was pierced with a spear. Blood and water flowed to atone for the sins of all creation. The one who saw this witnessed this fact. We also know that his witness is true.

What shall I render to the Lord for all his goodness to me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will give according to my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all people.

O, the first born of God the Father, accept these first fruits from the hands of Your weak and sinful servant.

✣ [Priest covers the chalice and paten with kabalanna and then kneels to pray for himself]

Almighty Lord God, who is ever forgiving and who does not cherish the death of sinners, I stretch out the hands of my heart and seek pardon and remission to all my innumerable sins. I am not worthy, O Lord, to live wholly in You, or to receive from You the gift of Your divine mysteries. Yet I earnestly pray that You protect my thinking from all dealings and snares of the adversary, my eyes from lustful looks, my ears from hearing vain things, my hands from abhorrent deeds, and beseech You to be the citadel of my inner being so that I may be used by You and You alone, now and always. Amen.

✣ [The priest stands up and ascends to the step and removes the cover of the paten and places on the the right and that of the chalice on the left and recites the following]

Psalm 93

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. Yea, the world is established; it shall never be moved; Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice, the floods lift up their roaring. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits Your house, O Lord, for ever more.

Our Lord Messiah, the pure and spotless lamb, who offered himself as acceptable gift to the Father for the remission of the sins of the whole world and its redemption, make us worthy to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice following Your sacrifice for us and well pleasing in Your sight. Amen.

✣ [The priest is to hold his hands in the fashion of a cross keeping the right hand above the left hand keeping the paten in the right hand and chalice in the left hand. Then recites the following prayer]

We recall the ministry of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ and, in accordance with his command, we meditate upon all his divine dispensation and suffering for our sake. We remember especially the annunciation through the angel, his glorious conception and birth in flesh, his baptism in River Jordan and his forty day fast, his salvific suffering, and crucifixion and life-giving death, his honorable burial, his glorious resurrection and ascension to heaven, and his eternal presence at the right hand of God the Father. Amen.

✣ [After that the priest places on the Thabaleetha the chalice on the east and the paten on the west and covers them with Sosappa and recites]

The heavens are filled with the glory of His Majesty. His glory fills the whole creation.

Promeon

P: Let us pray to the Lord for His mercy and blessings.

C: O merciful Lord, bless us and help us.

P: Make us worthy to continually offer unto You our praise, thanksgiving, glory, and unfading honor, now and forevermore.

O Lord God, the desirable fruit of the virgin's womb, who raises the dead with his gentle voice and makes them rejoice with him in his joyous glory, to the Savior who lives and gives us abundant life, belong glory and honor and worship, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

Sedra

P: O Lord, who is the creator of the universe, and who sustains all creatures, we worship, praise and glorify You. You are the blessed shoot which sprang from Mary and filled the whole earth with Your glorious fragrance, and by Your profound teachings removed from all quarters the odor of ignorance. To You, O Lord, we offer our incense of prayer as did Aaron, the priest at the tabernacle who thereby checked the plague from the people Israel. O Lord God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we beseech You to accept this prayer because of our debts and sins. We Your humble people offer praise and thanksgiving both now and for ever.

C: Amen.

✣ [The priest puts incense in the censer and swings the censer over the paten and the cup while saying the following prayer]

Praise to the merciful Father. Praise to the merciful Son. And praise to the Holy and Living Spirit.

O, all who are righteous, praise the Lord. All the nations of the earth praise Him. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Ethra

P: O Lord by Your mercy accept the worship of Your servants. Hear the prayer of Your priests. O, the Messiah, who is worshiped and praised along with the Father and the living Holy Spirit, we ask that You perpetually be receptive to the service of those who praise You. Amen.

Our Lord and God, we ask that You remove all anger from Your people. Be merciful to the sheep of Your pasture. May Your reconciliation and peace be established throughout the entire world forever. Amen.

✣ [Here the priest must recite alone the Kauma and the Creed]

[Here ends the second part of Thooyaba (Preparation) service for the Holy Qurbana]

✣ [Before beginning the Holy Qurbana the following or some other hymns may be sung]

1. Aharon anacha dhoopam pol
prarthana sweekarikka
Ninuvar yaachana athupole
Sisroosha–kaikolka
Kadalil Yo yik aruliya pol
Adiyark utharam arulee–duka

2. Shudhathayal thirunamathinu anaykunna prarthanakal
Karunakalin anookulathinaye bhaveykanamey
Karuna nidhiyam Deiva nee
Manogunathal dhaya cheyanamei.

3. Lokhamokayil nallvarumethrathukhey–reykunnu
Eshodeiva krupakarunaklk anudheynavum stuthi
Ninney villichu ninu uvayarey
Koppam ozheychu ne vendallo.

4. Onathapeedathil stuthiyalarna unathaney
Vazthapettaval than madheyill hithamay ne vasichello
Nanna bhagangalll ninety
Swastham nirappum vaseypikkah.

5. Paramaarthiyaam haabelinaadum
Nohin kaazhchayum
Abraham than beliym
Kaikonda daivame
Mal praarthana nee kaikondu
Mama yaachana naikee-de-name.

6. Vellivu niranja rakshakaney ninvellichumkondha
Irul vaasikalaam Njangalinnu
Velicham kaanunnu
Swargastha pithaa–vin–ka–thire
Shobhippikka njangale innu

7. Shobha niranjo raalayathil
Vasikku-nna parishudha
Nin daasaraam–Njangalude
Duschintha durmoham
Shamanam cheivathin ayoo
Vilikkunnu nin namathey.

The Service of the Holy Qurbana

P: O Lord Jesus the Christ, who was born of Mary baptized by John, shower Your blessings on us.

C: **O Lord our King, the only begotten Son, and Word of the Heavenly Father, we praise You. Lord Jesus Christ, immortal and gracious by nature, who for the life and salvation of all humankind, was born of the Virgin Mary and became the Son of Man and was crucified for us, thereby trampling death under foot and destroying it forever, who is one in the Holy Trinity and is worshiped and glorified equally with Your Father and Your living and Holy Spirit, have mercy on all of us. Amen.**

(To be repeated thrice)

P: ✠ Holy art Thou, O God

C: Holy art Thou, Almighty Lord

P: Holy art Thou, Immortal One

C: O thou who was ✠ crucified for us, shower Your blessings upon us.

[Then repeat after the priest]

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
or
Kyrie Elaison; Kyrie Elaison, Kyrie Elaison.

D: The blessed Apostle Paul says, "If anyone, if we ourselves or an angel from heaven, should preach a gospel at variance with the gospel we preached to you, let him be held outcast. Various kinds of teaching spring up in all quarters, but blessed is he who begins and ends in the teaching of God.

(or chant)

✠ [prayer before reading the epistle]

P: O Lord God, accept the prayers and petitions that we submit at this time in Your presence. Our Lord and our God, make us ever worthy to observe in purity and goodness of heart Your precepts and those of Your holy Apostles and of Your Apostle Paul, architect and builder of Your holy Church.

C: Amen.

✠ [The deacon standing at the south side of the altar and turning to the west and facing the congregation says]

From the Epistle of.... to ....

C: Praise to You, O Lord of the Apostles. O Lord, grant us grace to discern Your word.

✣ [Here the deacon/lay reader reads the epistle assigned for the day]

At the end of the reading, the deacon must say *Hallelujah – Hallelujah.*

D: *Offer to the Lord sacrifices of praise. Enter His holy courts with gifts, and worship the Lord before the holy altar.*

C: **Hallelujah.**

✣ Prayer before reading the gospel

P: Lord God, grant us the knowledge and discernment of Your divine word. Fill us with the essence of Your holy gospel, the riches of Your divine wisdom, and the gracious gift of Your Holy Spirit. Enable us to obey gladly Your commands and to perfectly fulfill Your holy will. Make us worthy to receive Your blessings and mercies at all times, now and for ever.

C: **Amen.**

D: *Brothers and sisters, let us stand in silence, awe and reverence and listen to the proclamation of the living word of God from the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

✣ The priest turning to the west facing the congregation

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **May the Lord God make us worthy with your spirit to listen to His word.**

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Messiah which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by the Apostle ... or Evangelist...

C: **Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessings be ever upon all of us.**

P: In the days of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Word of Life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, ✣ it happened in this way (or He taught in this manner)

✣ On Christmas and Easter and other times shall say timely

C: **So we believe and affirm.**

✣ The priest then reads the portion of the gospel assigned for the day. After reading the gospel

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you. We thank You Lord that You have given us Your gospel which is indeed the light of the world that we may be drawn closer to You. Enable us by Your grace to give praise to You through the living words from Your gospel which we have now heard.**

D: Bless O Lord. Let us stand in reverence.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

(or)

P: O Lord, the light of the world, who gave us the gospel in order to draw us closer to You, we offer praises unto You. Make us worthy to glorify You because of the Words of Life we heard through Your gospel.

D: Bless O Lord. Let us stand in reverence.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

(or chant)

D: Bless O Lord. Let us stand in reverence.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

Meditation

P: May praise and glory be to our Lord Jesus the Messiah for His life-giving words that He has given us, to the Father who sent Him for our salvation and to the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.

Promeon (Preface)

P: Let us all pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

C: **O Lord who is the source of all blessings, help us and bless us.**

P: Make us worthy to continually offer unto You our praise, thanksgiving, glory, and unfading honor, now and for evermore.

To Him who absolves us from our debts and pardons our sins, who receives the penitent, who rejoices in the return of sinners and who yearns for the redemption of the sinner and promised, 'Call and I will answer, knock and I will open and stretch forth my hand to pardon your sins and iniquities, to You belong glory and honor and worship at this time of completing the divine sacrifice of praise and all the days of our life, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

D: The incense is placed by the hands of our revered priest before the Lord who blesses and before this blessed altar.

✣ Here the priest puts incense in the censer.

P: Let us all pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

C: **O Lord, who is the source of all blessings, help us and bless us.**

P: O Lord God, who makes the sinners righteous, pardons our sins and makes us holy, blot out all our offenses from Your memory. Through Your loving mercy, good Lord wipe out my great and innumerable sins, and the sins of all Your believing people and bless us. O Lord God, through Your mercy and in Your goodness, remember us, our parents, brothers and sisters, our bishops, clergy, teachers of the faith, and all faithful children of Your holy and glorious church. Lord God, comfort our bodies, mind, and spirits. Shower upon us Your kind and merciful dew. O, our King Messiah, glorious Lord, , and our Lord of Lords, be the remission of our sins and our liberating force. Lord, answer unto us. Come to our aid and save us. Dear God, accept our prayers and supplications and remove all the grievous penalties and rods of anger from us. Make us all worthy of the good end that is set for all children of peace. Grant us freely the Christian wholeness You love and which You deem as well-pleasing and is consonant with Your divinity. We offer, unto You, our praise, thanksgiving, and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sedra

P: Almighty and glorious Lord God, arise with Your power and heavenly arms in order to help us and save us from the viles of the evil one and his armies. Lord, through Your grace and mercy You took flesh of the blessed Virgin Mary, and because of Your love for humankind, You became human. Our Lord of Lords, do not banish us from Your heavenly throne which celebrates Your greatness and from the four faced creatures who are tied to Your chariots, from the company of the angels and archangels who continually praise Your divinity, from the columns of cherubim who praise and glorify Your power, from the six-winged seraphim who proclaim aloud in purity, the Lord God is holy, holy, holy. Do not banish us from the army and orders and columns of those who worship You, for You are one with Your Father. Show us the way of life and salvation so that we may persevere and hasten Your kingdom. Lord, also give us the grace to praise Your goodness and bounty towards us and to submit our supplications to Your mercy. Lord Jesus, be kind to us and help us. Lord Jesus, look upon us with the eye of Your mercy. Lord Jesus, save us from our enemies and all that would hurt us and keep us in the shadow of Your Cross. Lord Jesus, save us from all deceits of greediness and raise us from the pit of all that is untoward. Lord Jesus, save us from all evil thoughts and defilement and blasphemy. Wash the corroding dirt and stains from us. Lord Jesus, make us whole and enrich us with Your goodness and blessings from the treasury of Your bountiful mercy. Lord Jesus, make us rejoicing in Your bridal chamber full of joys. Lord Jesus, make us rejoice with all the servants and guests who are the children of Your Kingdom. Lord Jesus, invite us along with the just and blessed people in whom You are well-pleased. Make us in order with the lambs who are Your children on Your right hand. Lord Jesus, on the day when Your glory rouses, make us shine along with those whom You have selected and the saints. Seat us with the sheep on Your right side at the spiritual banquet. And to You and to the Father and to the Holy Spirit we ascribe all praise and thanksgiving now and always.

C: **Amen. May the Lord accept your service and help us by your prayers.**

✣ Here the priest puts incense in the censer.

P: May we receive remission from our debts and forgiveness of our sins.

C: **Amen.**

P: Weak and sinful as we are, let us confess and together say: Holy is the Holy Father.

C: **Amen.**

P: Holy is the Holy Son.

C: **Amen.**

P: Holy is the living and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

D: Wisdom cries aloud. Let us stand in reverence and affirm our faith along with the respected Priest/revered Bishop.

Nicene-Constantinople Creed

P: We believe in one true God, the Father Almighty,

C: **Maker of heaven and earth and all things visible and invisible.**

P: We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,

C: **begotten of the Father before all the world. Light of light, very God of very God, begotten not made, who for us humans and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified for us in the days of Pontius Pilate, suffered, died and was buried. The third day He rose again by His father's holy will, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father and who will come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end.**

P: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

C: **who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets and apostles and we believe in one Holy catholic and apostolic church.**

P: We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins

C: **and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the new life of the world to come. Amen.**

D: Bless O Lord. Let us stand in reverence.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

✣ [Here singing a chant, collect the offering. Then announcements and homily; after that general confession and absolution]

General Confession

I confess that I have sinned against You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in thought, word, and deed. I am sorry with all my heart for these my sins. I believe in Your promise that You will receive those who truly repent. O Lord, who are merciful and full of grace, accept me, even as You accepted the publican, the woman who was a sinner, and the thief on the cross, and comfort me by the consolation of Your Word. O Lord, grant that Your Holy Body and Holy Blood, in which I now partake, may not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but to life and wholeness, Amen.

Absolution

The Lord, full of Grace, in His compassion has pardoned the sins of those who most truthfully repented and confessed of their sins in the presence of God. May the Holy Spirit enable and strengthen You to live in communion and new life, in steadfastness, with God.

The priest meditates after washing his hands.

Lord God, wash the sins and dirt that defiles my soul. Help me to enter Your holy and sanctifying presence with a clean and pure heart. With a clean conscience, help me to render unto You a living sacrifice which is well-pleasing and befitting Your glory, and compatible to Your redeeming sacrifice. Make me worthy to partake in Your divine mysteries freed from guilt and cleanse me with Your sprinkling of life. Amen.

Then the priest turns to the congregation and bows saying

My dear brothers and sisters and leaders, pray with me that this service may be acceptable to the Lord.

C: **O Lord, we humbly knock at Your door. Coming to Your house, we pray for Your blessing. O perfectly good God, sanctify Your servants**
by Your truth.

(or chant)

or

P: O Lord, hear and answer the prayers of Your people. O the one who promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will be in their midst , mercifully impart to Your servants spiritual gifts. Send Your Holy Spirit who dwelt in the apostles to make His dwelling in us, Your people.

✣ The priest prays the following prayer silently kneeling

O holy and glorious Trinity, have mercy on me. O holy and glorious Trinity be compassionate to me a sinner. O holy and glorious Trinity, accept the service of this weak and sinful man. O Lord God, give me forgiveness and remission of all my sins. Weak as I am, help me as I always seek You. Dear Lord, by Your kindness, forgive and redress all the sins of those for whom we pray. Amen.

✣ Here the priest gets up and ascends on the step.

✣ Prayers on Christmas Day and on Passover Day and Holy Saturday when we do not give kiss of peace, the following shall be prayed instead of the prayer for peace.

Christmas Day

P: O God, who in His essence is conciliation, undivided peace and inseparable love, by Your abundant goodness You created man in an indestructible state. Due to Satan's envy, he broke Your commandments and, as a result, he was condemned to die. By the life-giving advent of Your only begotten Son, You filled the earth with heavenly peace. Our Lord who was hailed by legions of angels by proclaiming 'Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and goodwill among men', fill our hearts with Your goodwill. By cleansing us from all blemishes and deceits, all deadly vindictiveness, from all evil and manipulation, make us worthy to greet one another with purity and holy peace and participate in the imperishable heavenly gift by our Lord, the Messiah. Through Him, with Him, to You, and to the life giving Holy Spirit, who in everything is holy, supreme, revered, and is one in essence with You, You are worthy of all praise, glory and dominion now and forever.

C: Amen.

Passover Thursday

P O Lord our Messiah who at the last supper, replete with mysteries, by fulfilling the old and symbolic service and entrusted us with the new mysteries, we pray to You to help us to participate in Your holy and mysterious supper. Make us worthy to rejoice in it with clean hearts, purity, and freedom from guilt. Help us to escape from the darkness of all sinfulness. Let us be well-pleasing to You in all our private and public affairs. Here, and in unfading life, make us happy and blessed in Your kingdom and Your heavenly bridal chamber. For all Your grace, we render unto You, Your Father and the Holy Spirit all praise, glory, worship and gratitude, now and for ever.

C: **Amen.**

Holy Saturday

P: Our God, the Messiah, You completed Your work in the flesh for us, endured the passion and the cross, and descended into Hades to give humankind hope and courage. You opened up a new promise that everyone who believes in You, will thereby be given remission of sins and cleansing of all uncleanliness of sins and will enjoy with You the blessings of Your kingdom. Make us worthy to perpetually experience this spiritual and heavenly joy. Give us the grace to partake in your holy communion table with purity freed from any guilt. Through this fellowship, enable us, with consistency and indivisibility, to be one with You. Help us to attain immortality and eternal joy in You. We will forever render praise and glory unto You, Your Father, and to the Holy Spirit who is Holy in everything, and who creates life and who is supremely worthy to be worshiped is equal with You, in essence, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

✣ After that recite the prayer after kiss of peace.

Mar Jacob's Order of Qurbana

Prayer of Peace

P: O God and Lord of all, as we are unworthy, we beseech You to make us worthy to greet and give peace to one another with pure and divine kiss; freed from all insincerity and united in love. To You, O Father, and to Your only Son, and to Your Holy Spirit who in everything is pure, supreme, worthy to be revered and equal in essence with You, we ascribe praise and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And also with your spirit.**

D: In the love of our Lord God, let us greet one another in peace with a pure and divine kiss.

✣ [Here the congregation greets one another with a handclasp (Kayyassori.) They repeat the following until everyone has been greeted.]

C: **May the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with us always.**

✣ [After the completion of greeting]

D: Brothers and sisters, having received this holy and divine peace, let us bow our heads before the merciful Lord.

C: **Gracious Lord and God we bow our heads before You.**

✣ [Prayer after the kiss of peace]

P: Merciful Lord, You dwell on high, yet You are the only one who condescend to look upon things that are lowly; bless now those who have bowed their heads in Your presence and bless them with the grace of Your only Son, with whom and with the Holy Spirit You are worthy of all praise and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O God, our Father, who out of great love for humankind sent Your only begotten Son to recover the strayed lamb, do not reject this bloodless sacrifice. As we are not depending on our own righteousness but on Your mercies, let the sacrifice You fulfilled for our salvation be not for our judgment but for our eternal gratitude to You, Your only Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

D: Brothers and sisters, we must participate in this Holy Qurbana which is now offered to us with orderliness, awe, humility, purity of heart, love, true faith and devotion. To God the Father to whom all things belong is offered this sacrifice of peace and praise in a spirit of unity and concord.

✠ [The priest removes the veil covering the paten and chalice—meditation]

You are the flint-stone rock which allowed the waters of river to flow for the twelve tribes of Israel. You are also the priceless and tested corner stone which was rejected by the builders.

C: Amen.

✠ [The priest turns to the congregation and gives the following blessing to the congregation]

The First Blessing

P: The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the only begotten Son ✠ and the communion and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: And with you as well.

✠ [The priest lifts up his hands and recites]

P: At this time, May our mind, thoughts and hearts of all of us be on high at the right hand side of Father God where the Lord Messiah is exalted and seated.

C: Our hearts truly are with the Lord God.

P: To sing praises and worship the creator of all things.

C: Truly is worthy and right.

P: Let us praise the one whom the sun, moon and all the stars, those corporeal and incorporeal, those whose names have been written in heavenly Jerusalem and are the first born, namely the angels and archangels, virtuous celestial beings, principalities and those who are on thrones and who have dominions, heavenly hosts, multi-eyed cherubim, the six-winged seraphim whose legs and faces are hidden and fly jointly, proclaiming the Lord God of hosts is holy, holy, holy for heaven and earth is full of His glory.

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of His glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

(or chant)

Meditation

P: King of all the worlds, You truly are Holy and the Sanctifier. Your Son, who is our Lord the Messiah is also holy. The Holy Spirit who reveals our mysteries is also holy. You created human on earth and set him in paradise. Even though he disobeyed Your commandment, without letting him go as an estranged person, through the prophets You guided him and in the end You sent Your only Son into the world for his salvation. He took flesh in Mary by the Holy Spirit and renewed Your ancient image. Amen.

P: [Taking the bread in his hand] When the Sinless One, of His own will, chose to suffer death for us sinners, He took bread in His holy hands.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke and gave it to His holy apostles saying, Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: **Amen.**

P: [Taking the chalice in his hands] In the same manner He took the cup.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His holy apostles saying, 'Drink from this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.'

C: **Amen.**

P: Thus as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: **O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your second coming. May Your blessings rest upon us all.**

P: O Lord, we remember Your death, burial and resurrection on the third day, Your ascension into heaven and Your sitting at the right hand of God the Father in glory and in power. We remember Your promise that You will come again to judge the world in righteousness and mete out what is due for everyone according to our own deeds. Therefore, we Your people offer to You O Lord, this service of bloodless sacrifice. O Lord, we entreat You and through You Your Father, not to deal with us according to our sins and iniquities, but according to Your abundant mercy, blot away all the sins of us Your servants.

C: **Almighty God our Father, have mercy upon us. O Lord our God, we give thanks to You, we glorify You, we worship You. O source of all goodness, we pray have mercy on us and bless us.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, weak and sinful as we are, we gratefully praise You for every blessing and for Your compassion.

✣ [Silent prayer of the priest for the Holy Spirit]

O Lord God, who is one in kingship and eternal essence with Your Son, who spoke in the Old and New Testaments and came upon our Lord the Messiah as a dove at the River Jordan, and in the upper room descended upon the apostles as a fiery tongue, send to us the same Holy Spirit to sanctify us and this Holy Qurbana. Amen.

P: Answer unto us, O Lord. Answer unto us, O Lord. By answering unto us, by Your grace have mercy upon us.

C: **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

The Epiclesis

✣ [The priest blessing the bread]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

✣ [The priest blessing the chalice]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, sanctify the bodies and souls of those who receive these elements that they may bear fruit for the stability of Your holy church. Establish evermore firmly Your holy church founded on the rock of faith, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail and preserve her to the end from strife and error caused by heresies. To You with the Son and the Holy Spirit, we Your holy church will offer praise and thanksgiving both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

[The following prayers may be read by the deacon or other prayers may be said by the priest]

Meditation

P: O Lord, we submit this prayer for Your holy church throughout the world. Give her the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Dear Lord, remember all those who pass on Your true word such as our bishops, our Father the Mar thoma Metropolitan who leads us, all our Fathers, the episcopas, priests, teachers of the faith, deacons, and with me all those who hold any church related position. Save me according to Your abundant mercies not remembering my juvenile sins. O Lord, remember also our brothers who are in chains, all those who are sick and are in pain and suffering and those who are troubled by evil spirits. Bless the crown of the year by fulfilling Your will for all creatures.

D: *O Lord, remember mercifully Your holy church throughout the world, all bishops who bear the burden of leading and guiding her, especially our father in God the Mar thoma Metropolitan (name), the Moderators of the Church of North India (name) and the Church of South India (name) with whom we are in communion and our Fathers, the bishops (name them), teachers of the faith, priests and deacons, and others close to the priestly order. Give to each one the gifts of Your Holy Spirit and help them to labor diligently in Your vineyard.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord God, deliver us from the opposition of the evil ones. Deliver us from the onslaught, harm and all punishments, of the satanic forces, resulting from our sin and keep us in faithful obedience to Your holy commandments. We praise You and glorify You and Your only Son and the Holy Spirit because You are a merciful God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, kindly grant the good petitions of all the parents, brothers and sisters, who stand with us in prayer and of those who were not able to join us here despite their desire to do so.

D: *Remember O Lord, all true and faithful followers of Christ and comfort them by Your gracious help and support.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Dear Lord, remember all those who come to our fore-mind and those who we are unable to recollect. Accepting their sacrifices in Your spacious heaven, give them the joy of salvation and make them worthy of help from You. Strengthen them with Your power and adorn them with spiritual armor. As You are a merciful God, we praise You and glorify You and Your only Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember all those devoted administrators and political leaders and help them with the spiritual weaponry. Make all their enemies and opponents to be subject to them so that we can live a peaceful life.

D: *O Lord God, we pray for all who exercise authority in our country and society and all statesmen and legislators especially the President of the Republic of India, members of the Cabinet and the Parliament [and those who head the government where we reside]. Give them all knowledge, wisdom, broad-mindedness and a spirit of cooperation, dependence, the will to do good, and guide them under Your watchfulness.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, we will offer praise and glory to You now and forever because You are the Savior of all who trust in You and depend on You and are the one who helps and gives victory to them.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, since You are the one who has authority over life and death, help us to remember and to be worthy to follow the footsteps of all the prophets and apostles, martyrs and holy Virgin Mary, and all the holy men and women who have been well-pleasing in Your sight.

D: *O Lord, we remember the mother of our Lord, the blessed Virgin Mary, who is worthy to be blessed of all the generations on earth. We call to remembrance the holy prophets, the apostles, the preachers, the evangelists, the martyrs, the confessors, and all the saints. Make us worthy, O Lord, to follow in their footsteps.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord who actuates humanly impossible things, we pray to You. Help us to join with those whose names are included to be in the heavenly places by the grace and blessing, of You, Your only Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: Lord God, we remember all the apostles especially Apostle Thomas, the Apostle to India, all the Fathers who have until now have given us the word of truth and the three councils of Nicea, Constantinople, and Ephesus. Make us worthy to walk in obedience to their true counsel.

D: *Lord, we remember the three councils of Nicea, Constantinople, and Ephesus and all the holy Fathers who were a part of them. Lord, grant us grace that we may obey and follow their true doctrines.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord, establish in us the doctrine of those teachers who bore Your holy name before the gentiles and kings and sons of Israel. Remove the heresies that will bring harm to us and make us worthy to stand before Your awesome throne without any blemish. Since You are holy and one who sanctifies the saints, we praise You and glorify You and Your only Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember all those who hold positions within the church who are acclaimed in the true faith are praiseworthy.

D: *Lord, in the last day when You raise and gather all the faithful who have departed and fallen asleep in the true faith; grant that we also may with them be counted worthy of remission of our sins and be gathered into Your heavenly kingdom.*

C: **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord God of all souls and all flesh, save us from eternal judgment. Remove our transgressions and do not enter us into judgment and make us rejoicing in the place reflected by Your glorious countenance. Since Your only Son is sinless in Your presence, we cry aloud, we rely only on Him for obtaining mercy and release from sin through Him.

C: **O God, comfort and purify us by forgiving all our sins which we have committed before You knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally.**

Meditation

P: Dear Lord, comfort us by forgiving all our private and public sins in thought, word, and deed which are clear to You.

P: O Lord, till the end protect us from sin. Let not our sins bring us to shame. Unite us with the multitude whom You have chosen in the time, place, and way of Your pleasing. Let Your holy name which is above all that is revered and praised and with the holy names of our Lord Messiah and Your Holy Spirit be glorified and praised at all times and in this service of worship, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

D: God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He remains faithful for all generations in the past and yet to come.

The Second Blessing

✣ [The priest turns to the Congregation and facing the congregation says]

The blessing of our Great Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ ✣ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And be with your spirit as well.**

✣ [Here the priest conducts the meditation while breaking the bread – Meditation]

P: God who is the Word suffered in the flesh. He was given as a sacrifice. On His side He received piercing from a spear (lance). Blood and water flowed from His side for the remission of the whole world's sin. The Son died on the cross because of the sin of the world. He made peace through His blood by turning us from the deeds of the left to those of the right. He joined the heavenly hosts with those of this earth, and His own people with the gentiles. On the third day, He rose from the tomb. So we believe; we affirm; and confirm.

Meditation

P: O Father of the Truth, behold Your Son became the sacrifice for reconciling us with You. I beseech You to accept Him who died for me. May I be justified through Him. Accept this service from me by uniting me with You. Do not remember all my sinful deeds which I have done in Your great presence.

See, His blood has been shed on Golgotha by evil doers. I plead for myself. Accept, O Lord, my pleading because of Him. How much are my debts! How much Your mercies! If You weigh, Your mercy is greater than the mountains You have weighed.

O Lord, look at our sins. Kindly behold the burnt offerings offered for them because these sacrifices and burnt offerings are greater than sins. Due to my sins, Your dearly beloved Son suffered nails and lances. His passion is sufficient to make me alive and to unite with You.

Praises to the Father who gave His only begotten Son for our salvation. Honor to the Son who died on the cross and gave life to all of us. Praises to the Holy Spirit who began and consummated the mystery of our salvation. O Holy Trinity, high above all things, have mercy upon all of us. Amen.

(or chant)

Another Meditation

P: O God Messiah, You are the one whose body was pierced for our sins on Golgotha in Jerusalem. You are the lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world. By clearing our debts and by forgiving our sins, let us be kept on Your right side. Amen.

✣ [When the priest conducts the meditation for breaking the bread the deacon and the congregation must participate in the following litany or sing the chant below]

All: **O merciful One, the sound of our petition knocks at Your door. Do not forbid the requests of needs of those who bow (worship) before You. Lord, have mercy.**

Litany

D: Brothers and sisters, we must pray to the Lord always for the message of reconciliation and peace and for His blessings and mercy.

C: Our dear Lord, through Your mercy grant us.

D: Brothers and sisters, we must always pray to the Lord for reconciliation between churches, peace for the monasteries, watchfulness over their priests, and wholesome season for the devotees.

C: Our dear Lord, give us peace through Your mercy.

D: Brothers and sisters, we must always pray to the Lord so that we would become true Christians, well pleasing before God through good deeds, honorable, pure, and just behavior which is honorable and pure.

C: Our dear Lord, make us worthy through Your grace.

D: Brothers and sisters, we must all pray to the Lord for redeeming us from inextinguishable fire, undying worms, from excruciating pain and endless grinding of teeth.

C: Our dear Lord, save us by Your cross.

D: Our dear Lord of Lords, grant to people in various situations that which is severally needed through the mercy, grace and abundance of Your blessings. For those who are sick, perfect health. Comfort to those who are in distress, release for those who are in chains,homecoming for those who have gone away, good keeping for those who are near, unity and love among those who are divided, coming together for those who are separated, finding of those who have been lost, comfort for those who are lamenting, favor for those who are complaining, contentment for the destitute, consolation of the bereaved, help and mental courage for the widows, provisions and contentment for the poor and needy, shelter for the homeless, joy for the broken hearted, complete forgiveness for sinners, nobility for the clergy, purity for deacons, Your abiding peace for the kingdoms of the world and end to all wars and conflicts.

C: Our dear Lord, grant these freely by Your grace.

or chant (Ardramade)

D: *Let us give glory to God the Father, Lord of all, and worship His only begotten Son and praise His Holy and Life-giving Spirit.*

C: **O Lord of all blessings, we commit our lives into Your keeping and pray for Your blessing. O God, good and gracious, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

*[Here we can take time a few moments for silent prayer or special prayers to be rendered]

P: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, glorified by the cherubim, extolled by the seraphim and exalted by legions of heavenly hosts, who make holy and perfect the offerings and oblations presented before You, sanctify our bodies, souls and spirits that with pure and confident hearts we may address You as God and Father and pray, 'Our Father in Heaven,

C: **Hallowed be Your name. Let Your kingdom come. Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day the food we need and forgive us our debts as we have forgiven those who owe us. Do not lead us into temptation and deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with you as well. O Lord and God of every blessing, we bow our heads in Your holy presence before we receive Your holy body and blood.**

P: Dear Lord, Your servants have bowed their heads before You seeking Your abundant mercies. Sanctify our bodies and souls by sending us all Your blessings. Make us worthy to receive the life-giving body and blood of our Messiah. To You and Your only Son and the Holy Spirit we render praise and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with you as well.**

The Third Blessing

*[The priest turns to the west and facing the congregation says]

May the grace, mercy and blessings of the Holy and Glorious Trinity ✠ uncreated, self-originated, self existent, eternal ✠ adorable and one in essence ✠ be with you all dearly beloved for ever and ever.

C: **And with you as well. O Holy and Glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

D: We must participate in this service with reverence and fear of the Lord.

C: **O Lord, kindly bless us all.**

*[Priest lifts up the paten and chalice]

P: These Holy things are given only to holy people.

C: **Holy is the one Father. Holy is the only Son. And Holy is the one Holy Spirit. Amen. Bless O Lord.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **They are one from the beginning and for ever and ever. Amen.**

*[The priest holds the paten and the chalice in the form of a cross]

P: The one Holy Father, who created the world in His mercy, is with us.

C: **Amen.**

P: The one Holy Son, who saved it by His precious passion, is with us.

C: **Amen.**

P: The one living Holy Spirit, who makes perfect and fulfills all that is and that has been, is with us. May the name of the Lord be blessed as in the beginning, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

All

(chant)

*[The priest after covering the paten and chalice descends and sings the following chant or recites the litany that follows or both if the occasion warrants]

P: O God Almighty, the omnipotent one, bless us.

C: **Stretch out Your hands and bless us.**

P: O Lamb of God, son of David

C: O Mary's own son, hear our prayer.

P: O Holy and Life-giving one

C: Reign in us forever. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Litany

[As the priest leads, the congregation will respond after him]

P: Our dear Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Our Lord, have mercy on us and bless us.

P: O Lord, full of blessing, answer unto us.

C: Our Lord, hear our prayers and petitions.

P: Our Lord, Rejoice over our repentance.

C: Our Lord, seeing our tears, be well pleased in us.

P: Our Lord, heal our diseases and the sick.

C: Our Lord, redress our sins.

P: Our Lord, remove famine and pestilence.

C: Our Lord, distance from us the raging rods and hard punishment.

P: Our Lord, remove from us all envy and hostilities.

C: Our Lord, remove from us all pride and self-will.

P: O son of David, hear us. Son of Virgin Mary, listen (hearken) unto us.

C: O Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world, answer unto us.

P: O Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world, forgive us.

C: Our Lord, praise be to You. Our Lord praise be to You. Our refuge forever, praise be to You. Bless, O Lord.

P: Our Father in heaven....

*[The communicants must come forward in an orderly fashion and kneel]

P: [Turning to the congregation and bowing] Dearly beloved brothers and sisters, pray for me. As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear Him.

C: **As for humans, their days are like grass. They bud like the flowers of the field. Bless, O Lord.**

P: [Turning to the altar] Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*[Priest kneeling before the altar prays silently or loudly one of the prayers below]

O Lord God, make us worthy of being sanctified by Your Holy Body and our souls brightened by Your Holy Blood, through which we are justified. Our Lord God, may they be for the remission of our debts and forgiveness of our sins.

Lord God, make us worthy to eat and drink Your Holy Body and Blood and to inherit and experience Your heavenly kingdom with all those who have pleased and done Your will. Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, make me worthy to partake of You in purity. By partaking of Your Holy Body and Blood, let my evil desires pass and my evil emotions be removed. Our Lord and God, make me worthy of the redress of my debts and remission of my sins. Amen.

D: When You rouse those who have died in the knowledge, dependence and hope in You with Your living voice sounded from the tombs to the inner realms of the paradise, remember us also. Let us stand in reverence.

C: **Bless O Lord.**

(or chant)

D: O Lord, help us to rejoice with the lambs on Your right. Let us hear Your kind voice which says, Come and inherit the kingdom along with the saints. Bless O Lord.

P: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

D: *O Lord, at Your command death held its sway. You abolished death through Your resurrection from the dead. Therefore we praise and exult.*
O Lord every mouth shall sing Your praise. O Lord who gathers the children of Adam from every quarter, bless us and help us.

(or chant)

or

C: **O Son of God, Your death has turned our death into life. Raise us from the dust so that we may ever proclaim aloud Your praise. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is worthy of glory and worship forever. From the beginning and from generation to generation, may He be praised. Hallelujah.**

*[Here the priest and other clergy receive communion]

*[The prayer that the priest has to say while receiving the bread ascending onto the step]

P: The holy body and the holy blood of our God Messiah is given to me. Amen.

[When the priest drinks from the cup]

P: O Lord Jesus, who is God the Word, who came for our salvation, by the living and life-giving holy blood which was shed on the cross, may my faults be atoned and release be wrought from my sins. Amen.

[When giving the elements of the Holy Communion to the clergy]

[When bread is given]

P: The holy body of our God Messiah is given to you.

Recipients: Amen.

[When partaking from the cup]

P: The holy blood of our God Messiah is given to you.

Recipients: Amen.

[The priest stands on the step covering the chalice and the paten, holds the paten in the right hand and the chalice in the left and says]

P: O Son of God who came for our salvation and will come again for our resurrection and for the renewal of our race forever, grant, we pray, forgiveness of sins to Your servants through Your atoning sacrifice.

C: **Amen.**

[The priest turns to the left holding the chalice and paten and turning to the west]

P: O Lord God, we beseech You to extend Your visible right hand and graciously bless these Your children who partake in Your most precious Holy Body and Blood, which were broken and shed on Golgotha for the atonement of our debts, forgiveness of sins, and for eternal blessedness in Your holy presence.

C: **Amen.**

[The priest descends from the step]

P: The blessings of Jesus Christ our great God and Savior be on those who bear these sacred mysteries, on those who dispense them, and those who receive them, and on all who have labored and participated in them and who shall participate in them. The grace and mercy of God be on us all and on them in the two worlds, both now and forever.

C: **Amen. Our Lord, bless us. Our Lord, be kind and bless us. Our Lord, answer unto us and bless us. Glory and praise be to You, our Lord. Praise be to You, our Lord. Praise be to You our everlasting Refuge. Hallelujah.**

[The priest administers the bread and wine to those who are prepared]

[When the bread is given from the paten]

P: The holy body of our Lord Jesus Christ, broken on Golgotha for the forgiveness of our debts and remission of our sins is given to you for the health of body and soul.

Recipients: Amen.

[When the wine is given from the chalice]

P: The holy blood of our Lord Jesus Christ shed on Golgotha is given to you for the health of the body and soul.

Recipients: Amen.

[If there are two priests when giving from the paten and chalice the following must be said]

P: The Holy Body and Blood, broken and shed on Golgotha for the remission of our debts and forgiveness of our sins are given to you for the health of body and soul.

Recipients: Amen.

[When those who have received the Holy Qurbana are kneeling turned to the east, the priest holding the paten and chalice standing at the foot of the altar turning to the west says the following]

P: O Lord our God praise be to You forever. Praise be to You. Praise be to You. O Lord Jesus the Messiah, may Your Holy Body and Blood which we have received be not for our judgment and condemnation but for life and salvation of us all. O God, grant us Your blessing.

C: **All the earth shall bow down before You. Every tongue shall praise Your name. Since You give life to the dead and You are the hope of all who lie in the grave. We praise You, O Lord, and give You thanks for Your mercy towards us.**

[Priest steps descends and gives the following prayer of thanksgiving]

P: O Lord, we praise You for Your abundant mercy which enabled made us worthy to partake in Your Table. O Lord, since we have partaken of Your precious and holy body and blood, we have been made blameless and have made us worthy to have fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Make us one with all the members of the mystical body from the beginning, so that we may obtain the inheritance and rights with them. We will offer glory and praise to You and to Your only begotten Son and to Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And be with you as well. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before Your holy presence having received Your Holy Body and Blood.**

P: O great and merciful God, who for the salvation of humankind stooped down and descended from heaven, have mercy on us and bless us, so that we may continually praise You and Your Father God and the Holy Spirit, now and for evermore.

C: **Amen. Bless O Lord.**

[The priest may sing one or more of the following closing seals (hoothamma) of Mar Aprem or Mar Jacob]

[see pages 41 – 43 of the Malayalam Thaksa]

P: O Lord, bless us all. O Creator, keep us all; show us ever the way of Salvation, O Lord and helper of all.

C: **O Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your holy presence. Accept the praises and petitions of us Your people and pardon the offenses of Your parish. O Lord, make us worthy and enable us to receive Your gifts and blessings and send us with Your peace.**

The Fourth Blessing

*[The priest turns to the west facing the congregation and shall say]

P: My beloved brothers and sisters, I commend you to the grace and blessings of the Holy and Glorious Trinity. Depart now in peace ✠ with the gifts and blessings that you have received from the atoning sacrifice of the Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: You, both near and far, who are saved by the victorious cross of the Lord ✠ and sealed with the holy baptism, this Holy Trinity will clear your debts and forgive your sins and comfort your souls.

C: **Amen.**

P: Pray for me, my brothers and sisters, weak and sinful as I am, that I may obtain mercy and help through your prayers, depart in peace filled with ✠ gladness and rejoicing.

C: **May the Lord accept your ministration and help us by your prayers.**
Amen.

or

[The priest shall eat and drink the remaining bread and wine. While doing that shall recite the following psalm]

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for You are with me. Your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

[Prayer after that]

O Son of God, who by Your sacrifice redeemed the sinful, by Your living sacrifice clear all my woes and sorrows and heal my diseases. O the good and gracious one who came and on Golgotha whose body was pierced, quench my thirst from the blood and water from that wound. Amen.

[Here every one must pray silently or pray the following prayer of praise and then the congregation disperses slowly]

[The prayer to be said before leaving the church after the service]

Almighty and eternal Heavenly Father God, I give You thanks and praise You for giving the grace to come to Your holy presence to worship You today, and to meditate hearing Your holy word. O God, I praise You for all Your goodness and gracious deeds for me. O Holy Father, give me grace to love You with all my heart, all my soul, and all my mind and all my strength and to love my neighbor as myself. O God, bless all of us who gathered here in Your presence this day and send us with Your peace. O Lord, bless Your holy church and those who lead her. Give them and me Your good gifts. Give me the grace to follow You all the days of my life and be well-pleasing in Your sight. Amen.

Our Father in heaven ....

The Order of Holy Communion according to Holy Mar Dionysius Metropolitan of Amid (12th Century)

Prayer of Peace

P: O Lord, at this time, give us perfect love, unity and peace, so that we may render thanks and praise to You, and Your only Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: May peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

D: In the love of our Lord God, let us greet one another in peace and pure and divine kiss.

*[Here congregation will greet one another and shall respond in low voice and repeat it until every one has been greeted]

C: **May the love and peace of our Lord Messiah abide with us always.**

*[After every one has been greeted]

D: Brothers and sisters, having received the Holy peace, let us bow our heads before the merciful Lord.

C: **Gracious Lord God, we bow our heads before You.**

[prayer after the kiss of peace]

P: O Lord, bless us all with Your eternal blessings. Make us worthy to do Your will and the will of Your only Son, and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, banish from us all evil thoughts through the sacrifice of praise we submit to You. By this, enlighten our souls and sanctify our bodies so that we may render thanksgiving and praise to You, Your only Son, and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

D: *Brothers and sisters, let us participate in this Holy Qurbana, now offered, with orderliness, fear, humility, purity of heart, with love and true faith and devotion. To God the Father, to whom all things belong is offered this Sacrifice of Grace and Peace in the spirit of unity and concord.*

*[The priest removes the veil covering the paten and chalice and meditates]

You are the flint-stone which allowed the water to flow for the twelve tribes of Israel. You are also the priceless and tested corner stone which was rejected by the builders.

[The priest turns to the west and gives the following blessing to the congregation]

The First Blessing

The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the only begotten Son ✠ and the communion and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

[Priest lifts up his hands and says]

P: At this time, may our minds, thoughts, and hearts be on high at the right side of the Father God where the Lord Messiah solemnly proceeded and is seated.

C: **Our hearts truly are with the Lord God.**

P: To sing praises and worship, the Trinity, the Father, Son, and Spirit.

C: **Truly is worthy and right.**

P: O Lord, make us worthy to join the hosts, thousands and thousands of fiery angels, who stand in Your Holy Presence acclaiming continuously Lord God of Hosts is holy, holy, holy. We shout and say,

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

(or chant)

Meditation

P: The creator and the uncreated Father is Holy, the begotten and uncreated Son is Holy, and the Holy Spirit originated from the Father and attained from the Son is Holy. The one true God, who by His compassion and mercy saved us, is One.

P: When He chose to suffer for our salvation He took bread in His Holy hands.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks and blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke it ✠ and gave it to his holy apostles saying, Take, eat. This is my Body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the same way He took the cup mixed with wine and water.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His holy apostles saying, Drink all of you from this, this is my Blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

C: **Amen.**

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your second coming. May Your blessings rest upon us all.**

P: O Lord, the Church remembers all Your saving acts, Your awe-inspiring second coming when You judge and mete out rewards and retribution according to each one's deeds. For this Your church and Your parish, entreat in repentance to You, and through You to Your almighty Father. Be merciful to us.

C: **Almighty God our Father, have mercy upon us. O Lord our God, we give thanks to You, we glorify You, we worship You. O source of all goodness, we pray, have mercy on us and bless us.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, weak and sinful as we are, we Your servants gratefully praise You for every blessing and because of that for Your kindness.

[Silent prayer of the priest for the Holy Spirit]

O Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, send Your Holy Spirit who makes perfect all the sacraments of Your church to sanctify us and this Holy Qurbana.

P: Answer unto us, O Lord. Answer unto us, O Lord. By answering unto us, by Your grace have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

[The priest says by blessing the bread]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

[The priest says blessing the chalice]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, give to all who participate in this Holy Qurbana, remission of sins and inheritance of eternal life, for we offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we submit this sacrifice of praise for Your Holy Church in every place and for Your faithful people and the community of priests.

D: O Lord, remember mercifully Your holy church throughout the world, all bishops who bear the burden of leading and guiding her, especially our father in God, the Mar Thoma Metropolitan (name), the moderators of the Church of North India (name) and the Church of South India (name) with whom we are in communion and our fathers, the episcopas (name them), priests, deacons and others close to the priestly order. Give to each one the gifts of Your Holy Spirit and help them to work diligently in Your vineyard.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, give Your Holy Church peace and concord and those who have responsibility for it exceedingly great and peaceful long life. Appoint shepherds in it who share the word of God so that they may give praise and glory to You, Your only Son and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: Lord, remember all those who do good deeds and those who call upon You in true faith and who takes refuge in You and, in Your mercy, help all of them.

D: *Remember O Lord all true and faithful followers of Christ and comfort them by Your gracious help and support.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, give Your help freely to those who are worried because of need and poverty and keep them well. Help those who extend a helping hand to them. For offering the praise and thanksgiving to You and to Your Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: Lord, kindly remember those who govern and render help to Your Holy Church and those who do good to Your faithful people.

D: *O Lord God, we pray for all who exercise authority and all statesmen and legislators and especially the President of the Republic of India, members of the Cabinet and the Parliament [and those who head the Government where we reside]. Give them all knowledge and wisdom and open mind and the spirit of cooperation and dependence on You and the will to do good and guide them under Your watchfulness.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, banish satan, our enemy and his cruel rule and redeem us from the merciless hands of those who lord over us. For offering the praise and thanksgiving to You and to Your Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: Lord, we remember all the holy men, holy Virgin Mary, and all the holy women. Help us to follow their foot steps.

D: O Lord, we remember the Mother of our Lord, the blessed Virgin Mary who is worthy to be blessed of all the generations on earth. We call to remembrance the holy prophets, the apostles, the preachers, the evangelists, the martyrs, the confessors and all the saints. Make us worthy, O Lord, to follow their footsteps.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, make us worthy of the inheritance of Your saints. Include and order us in their columns. For offering the praise and thanksgiving to You and to Your Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: Lord, we call to remembrance our true shepherds, the tested Fathers and praiseworthy teachers who conveyed to us the true faith. Establish us in their true faith.

D: Lord, we remember the three Councils (Synods) of Nicea, Constantinople, and Ephesus and the Holy Fathers who were part of those. Lord, grant us grace that we may obey and follow their true doctrines.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, keep us in praiseworthy faith. Let us not stray. Make us blameless and guiltless in Your sight. For offering the praise and thanksgiving to You and to Your Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: Lord, we remember all the faithful who died with hope in You. By Your mercy draw us close to the claims of those who are saved by Your only begotten Son's death.

D: Lord, in the last day when You raise and gather all the faithful who are departed and fallen asleep in the true faith, grant that we also may with them be counted worthy of remission of our sins and be gathered into Your heavenly kingdom.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, look unto us with Your mercy. Clear our debts, and forgive our shortcomings. For Your only Son's Body was broken and the Blood was shed for us. We take refuge and rely on Him alone for finding through Him all the blessings and redemption from our sins.

C: **O God, comfort and purify us by forgiving all our sins which we committed against You knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally.**

Meditation

P: O God, comfort us by forgiving all our secret and open sins against You in thought, word, and deed.

P: Lord, make us worthy to enjoy a Christian end. Do not remember our misdeeds. Let Your name which is praised and revered in all things along with the names of our Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit, as in all things, be glorified and praised and be in force in this service as well, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with you as well.**

D: God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He remains faithful as for all generations in the past and yet to come.

Second Blessing

The blessings of our great God, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And be with your spirit as well.**

[Here the priest meditates for breaking the bread. Deacon and congregation join in singing a chant or saying a litany: see pages p. 30]

D: Let us give glory to God the Father, Lord of all, and worship His only begotten Son and praise His Holy and Life-giving Spirit.

C: **O Lord of all blessings, we commit our lives into Your keeping and pray for Your blessing. O God, good and gracious, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

[Silent prayer, special prayers]

P: O Lord God, who accepts all prayers and grants supplications, we beg and pray with a contrite heart the prayer that Your only Son taught us saying, Our Father in Heaven

C: Hallowed be Your name....

P: Lord God, deliver us from the evil one and our manifold transgressions. Save us from our sins and misdeeds. Free us from all those who have ill-treated or have done bad to us. You be the one who justifies them as well as us. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And with you as well. O Lord and God of every blessing we bow our heads in Your presence before we receive Your Holy Body and Blood.

P: Lord, stretch Your right hand and shower Your blessings upon these people and the sheep of Your pasture who are waiting to receive Your only Son's Holy Body and Blood. Sanctify our bodies and souls. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your Son, and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And with your spirit as well.

The Third Blessing

May the grace, mercy and blessings of the Holy and Glorious Trinity ✠ uncreated, self-originated ✠ eternal, adorable, one in essence ✠ be with you all dearly beloved for ever and ever.

C: And with your spirit as well. O Holy and Glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.

D: We must participate with reverence and fear of the Lord.

C: O Lord, kindly bless us all.

[From here follow Mar Jacob's Order pp.32-37]

Prayer of praise

P: Lord, we praise and worship Your love for humankind. We ask that You strengthen, help and support, all of us. We rejoice over this spiritual communion, bless and comfort all of us. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before You, having received Your holy body and blood.**

P: O Lord Messiah, the real bread who came down from heaven and became indestructible food for us, save our souls and bodies from the terrible judgment. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen. Bless, O Lord.**

[From hoothamma (closing seal) the remaining parts
Mar Jacob's order of Qurbana pp. 38–39]

The Order of Qurbana of Patriarch Mar Xystus

Prayer for peace

P: Lord, perpetually give to Your church, Your sheep, Your parish, the everlasting peace, concord and true love so that we can offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And with your spirit as well.

D: In the love of our Lord God, let us greet one another in peace with pure and divine kiss.

*[Here congregation will greet one another and shall respond in low voice and repeat it until every one has been greeted]

C: May the love and peace of our Lord Messiah abide with us always.

*[After the completion of greeting]

D: Brothers and sisters, having received the holy peace, let us bow our heads before the merciful Lord.

C: Gracious Lord and God, we bow our heads before You.

*[prayer after the kiss of peace]

P: Lord, may we all be blessed by You and be made worthy of the good end of peaceful people. For we offer our praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, let this prayer of sacrifice we offer be for the distancing of all our evil thoughts and emotions and for the union of just deeds. For we offer our praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

D: *Brothers and sisters, we must participate in this Holy Qurbana which is now offered to us with orderliness, fear, humility, purity of heart, with love and true faith and devotion. To God the Father, to whom all things belong is offered this sacrifice of grace and peace in the spirit of unity and concord.*

❋[The priest removes the veil covering the paten and chalice in silent devotion]

You are the flint rock which allowed the water to flow for the twelve tribes of Israel. You are also the priceless corner stone which was rejected by the builders.

❋[The priest turns to the west and gives the following blessing to the congregation]

First Blessing

The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the only begotten Son ✠ and the communion and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

❋[The priest lifts up his hands and says]

At this time, may the attention, thoughts, and hearts of all of us be on high at the right side of the Father God where the Lord Messiah solemnly proceeded and is seated.

C: **Our hearts truly are with the Lord God.**

P: To sing praises and worship to the one true God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit by our heart, mind, and mouth.

C: **Truly is worthy and right.**

P: O Lord, we Your faithful people united in spirit, praise You loudly along with the invisible hosts and countless columns and like the seraphim, we shout and proclaim,

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of His glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

(or chant)

Meditation

P: God, our Father, You are Holy. Your only begotten Son is holy. The Holy Spirit which is holy in everything is also Holy. Through the incarnation of Your Son, You delivered the world from straying and sin.

P: When He prepared to suffer for our salvation, He took bread in His holy hands.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ and blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke it and gave it to His holy apostles saying, Take, eat, this is my Body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the same way He took the cup mixed with wine and water.

C: **Bless, O Lord**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His holy Apostles saying, Drink this all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins and deliverance.

C: **Amen.**

P: Thus every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your second coming. May Your blessings rest upon us all.**

P: O Lord, Your amazing and wonderful plan of salvation and the terrifying signs of Your spectacular procession and the time when You will mete out to all rewards according to their deeds are not hidden to us. Because of this Your church and Your parish pray to You and through You to Your Father and Holy Spirit,

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us. O Lord, our God, we give thanks to You, we glorify You, we worship You. O Source of all goodness, we pray, have mercy on us and bless us.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, weak and sinful as we are, we gratefully praise You for every blessing and because of that and for Your kindness

✻[Silent prayer of the priest for the Holy Spirit]

P: Lord, be compassionate to me. Be kind to me and all Your rightful belongings. Purify these Offerings according to Your Holy Will through the Holy Spirit who proceeds eternally from You and in essence receives through Your Son.

P: O Lord, answer unto us. O Lord, answer unto us and answering, by Your compassion and grace have mercy on us.

C: **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

✻[Priest says blessing the bread]

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

✻[Priest says blessing the chalice]

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, make us who are participating in this communion always to rejoice with You. For we offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, be the tongue for Your shepherds that does not fail before all untruths and heresies.

D: *O Lord, remember mercifully all bishops who bear the burden of leading and guiding the Church in all parts of the world, especially our father, the Mar Thoma Metropolitan (name) who guides us today, the moderators of the Church of North India (name) and the Church of South India (name) with whom we are in communion and our fathers the episcopas (name them), priests, deacons, and others close to the priestly order. Give to each one the gifts of Your Holy Spirit and help them to labor diligently in Your vineyard.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, shut the mouths of all the enemies of the word of God who speak evil against us and silence them. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, You be the one who rewards those who do good and the deliverer of all those who are in distress.

D: Remember O Lord all true and faithful followers of Christ and comfort them by Your gracious help and support.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, be not silent in relieving the deep sighs of the destitutes, the cries of the poor, the sorrows of the oppressed, and the distress of the sorrowful. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, be the strong fortress for all the towns, regions, and states and kingdoms which truly believe and take refuge in You.

D: O Lord, we pray for all who exercise authority in our country and Society and all statesmen and legislators especially the President of the Republic of India, members of the Cabinet and the Parliament (and those who head the government where we reside). Give them all knowledge and wisdom and open mind and spirit of cooperation and dependence on You and the will to do good and guide them under Your purview.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, confound and scatter those who go around and count the towers (citadels) of Zion, the famous church. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember the Virgin Mary and all the saints, Your servants. Make us worthy to follow in their footsteps.

D: O Lord we remember the mother of our Lord, the blessed Virgin Mary, who is worthy to be blessed of all the generations on earth. We call to remembrance the holy prophets, the apostles, the preachers, the evangelists, the martyrs, the confessors, and all the saints. Make us worthy, O Lord, to follow in their footsteps.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, by Your grace, make us eligible for receiving the blessings of good fortune which You have kept safe for Your servants. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, be the unfading beauty for Your servants who administer Your parish well and walk in the path of of truth with great devotion.

D: Lord, we remember the three Councils of Nicea, Constantinople and Ephesus and all the holy Fathers who were part of those. Lord, grant us grace that we may obey and follow their true doctrines.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, let us not move away and be rejected from becoming the children of Your grace, brothers and sisters of Your only begotten Son resulting from the unity with the teachings of Your servants. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, be the one who comforts and makes holy all the faithful who have been redeemed by the death of Your only begotten Son.

D: Lord, in the last day when You raise and gather all the faithful who are departed and fallen asleep in the true faith, grant that we also may with them be counted worthy of remission of our sins and be gathered into Your heavenly kingdom.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

P: O Lord, when we are saved from death by You, and when we are released from hell, shake free from us all dust. May Your Son's grace be strengthened on us. We rely completely on Him for finding blessings and redemption of sin through Him. We loudly acclaim this.

C: **O God, comfort and purify us by forgiving all our sins before You which we have committed against You, knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally.**

Meditation

P: O God, remove from us and remedy all the punishment for all our sins in thought, word, and deed which are done in private and in public and are manifestly apparent to You.

P: O Lord, by Your grace, make us worthy to experience spiritually the joy of Your kingdom with the newness of the general resurrection. Your Holy name which is revered and praised above all along with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and Your Holy Spirit as in everything, be glorified and praised and be well established now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

D: God remains the same and for all generations and the generations of the world to come and is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The Second Blessing

*[The priest turns to the west and blesses the congregation saying]

Blessings of Jesus Christ the great God and our redeemer ✠ dearly beloved, be with you all for ever.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

*[Here the priest meditates as he breaks the bread. The deacon and congregation together shall sing a chant or recite the Litany. Order of St. James found p. 28]

D: Let us give glory to God the Father, Lord of all, and worship His only begotten Son and praise His Holy and Life-giving Spirit.

C: **O Lord of all blessings, we commit our lives into Your keeping and pray for Your blessing. O God, good and gracious, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

*[Here we can take time for silent prayer or special prayers can be rendered. Prayer before the Lord's prayer.]

P: O Father God of all mercies, open our mouths and tongues to worship and pray raising our voice towards You and praying, Our Father in Heaven. Purify the souls and bodies of all of us. Cleanse our awareness and imaginations. Our Father in Heaven

C: **Hallowed be Your name....**

P: O Lord, transform in us all that does harm to us and brings loss to us into those that do us good and bring us gain. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord and God of every blessing, we bow our heads in Your presence before we receive Your Holy Body and Blood.**

P: O Lord, let all Your grace, all Your blessings, all Your good gifts be shed on Your church, parish, and the sheep and abide with them. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

The Third Blessing

*[The priest turns to the west and says blessing the congregation]

May the grace and mercies of the Holy and Glorious Trinity ✣ uncreated, self-originated, eternal, adorable, and One in essence, be with you all, dearly beloved, now and forever.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Holy and Glorious Trinity, have mercy on us.**

D: We must participate with reverence and fear of the Lord.

C: **O Lord, kindly bless us all.**

*[From here till the prayer of thanksgiving after the communion from the order of Mar Jacob (James) pp. 32-37]

Prayer of Praise

P: O Lord, we praise You for Your grace which made us worthy to receive the divine gift of Your only Son's Holy Body and Blood. You are worthy of praise, reverence and honor through and with Him and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And with your spirit as well. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before You, having received Your Holy Body and Blood.

P: O Lord Messiah, O heavenly Bread, who came down to become imperishable food for us, at Your second coming may we not become prey to the inextinguishable fire. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your Father, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen. Bless, O Lord.

✻[From Hoothamma and remaining parts, see Mar Jacob's order of Qurbana pp. 38-39]

The Order of Qurbana attributed to St. Peter, the Apostle

Prayer of peace

P: O God of peace and the Lord of reconciliation and harmony, give us grace and make us worthy to receive one another with sincere and non deceitful kiss and by the breath that can not be separated from Your love.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

D: In the love of the Lord, let us greet one another in peace and pure and divine kiss.

*[Here congregation will greet one another and while greeting, shall respond in low voice and repeat it until everyone has been greeted]

C: **May the love and peace of our Lord Messiah abide with us always.**

*[After everyone has greeted]

D: Brothers and sisters, having received the holy peace, let us bow our heads before the merciful Lord.

C: **Gracious Lord and God, we bow our heads before You.**

P: Lord God, we have bowed the necks of our souls and bodies towards and in front of You. Since You are the helper of all things and refuge, may we receive Your blessings and help to meet our weakness. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, enlighten us with Your Holy Face. Rescue us from all our enemies who hate us. Forgive and cleanse all our sins. For our offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

D: *Brothers and sisters, we must participate in this Holy Qurbana which is now offered to us with orderliness, fear, humility, purity of heart, with love and true faith and devotion. To God the Father, to whom all things belong , is offered this Sacrifice of Grace and Peace in the spirit of unity and concord.*

❋[The priest removes the veil covering the paten and chalice in silent devotion]

You are the flint rock which allowed the waters of river to flow for the twelve tribes of Israel. You are also the tested and priceless Corner Stone which was rejected by the builders.

❋[The priest turns to the west and gives the following blessing to the congregation]

The First Blessing

The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the only begotten Son ✠ and the communion and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, for ever.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

❋[The priest lifts up his hands and recites]

At this time, may the awareness, thoughts, and hearts of all of us be on high at the right side of God the Father, where the Lord Messiah is solemnly proceeded and seated.

C: **Our hearts are truly with Lord God.**

P: To sing praises and worship the Creator of all things

C: **Truly is worthy and right.**

P: Lord, with hosts of angels and archangels, we praise You raising Our voice and utter

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty. Heaven and earth are full of His glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

(or chant)

Meditation

P: O Lord, You are Holy and full of mercies. For You sent Your Son to the world for our salvation because of Your love for humankind, He took flesh in Holy Virgin Mary.

P: When it was in Your Holy Will to taste death for us and to complete the Passover at eventide, You took bread in Your Holy Hands.

C: **O Bless O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke it and gave it to His holy apostles saying, Take, eat; this is my Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the same way, He took the cup having wine mixed with water.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His holy apostles saying, All of you drink from this. This is my Blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

C: **Amen.**

P: Likewise as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your second coming. May Your blessing rest and abide with us all.**

P: O Lord at this time when we remember Your redemptive advent and Your second coming, we pray to You. At the dreadful and terrifying time of the last judgment when You examine the just and the sinful and the unjust, do not reward us according to our evil deeds. Let us not be subjected to retribution because of our wrong doings. Let us not be subjected to torture and great pain and suffering because of our evil deeds and wrongdoings. But Lord, kindly bless us and help us by turning Your holy face away from our sins. Because of this Your Church and parish pray to You and through You to Your Father.

C: **Almighty God, our Father, have mercy upon us. O Lord, our God, we give thanks to You, we glorify You, we worship You. O source of all goodness, we pray, have mercy on us and bless us.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, weak and sinful as we are, we gratefully praise You for every blessing and because of that, for Your compassion.

❋[Silent prayer of the priest for the Holy Spirit]

O God, bless us. By blessing us, purify these offerings by Your Holy and Sanctifying Spirit. May He bless by helping me.

P: O Lord, answer unto us. O Lord, answer unto us. O Lord, answering unto us, kindly bless us.

C: **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

❋[The priest blesses the bread by reciting]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

❋[The priest blessing the chalice recites]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, cleanse the souls and bodies of all uncleanliness of those who receive these. Forgive their sins and make them heirs of eternal life. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, accepting our prayers and petitions, grant Your people reconciliation and harmony and Your parish, peace. Watching over all true shepherds such as the bishops, priests, and deacons, and help also all the clergy who are involved in church-related service.

D: O Lord, remember mercifully Your Holy Church...(p. 25)

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Lord, strengthen them to be wise and effective administrators. May they become constant intercessors for us and all Your people. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You, and Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: Make us worthy to remember all whom You have given to us for remembering.

D: Remember O Lord all true and faithful followers of Christ and comfort them by Your gracious help and support.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, remember everyone who helps Your holy church. Saving them from all harmful deeds of the devil and unwholesome people, be their shield and refuge. For You are the savior of all. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember all the rulers. Awaken in their hearts peaceful considerations for Your people.

D: O Lord, we pray for all those who exercise authority...(p. 26)

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, pacify, allay all fears, and comfort the minds of those who rule over us. Redeem us from the hands of the jealous and the enemies. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember Holy Virgin Mary, prophets, apostles, martyrs, confessors, and all saints.

D: O Lord, we remember the mother of our Lord...(p. 26)

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, make us worthy to have the rights and inheritance with them. For offering praise and thanksgiving along with them to You, and Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember all our Saints and teachers who left us. Make us worthy to follow in their footsteps.

D: Lord, we remember the three Councils....(p. 27)

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, we remember all who walked all over the world bearing Your gospel and established Your Holy Church in the true faith. Like them, strengthen us to be grounded in Your love. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, kindly accept this service we, who are weak, offer to You.

D: Lord, in the last day when You raise and gather....(p. 27)

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

P: O Lord who loves humankind, forgive all our manifold waywardness and transgressions. Seat us in the bosom of Abraham as those who finished their life in true faith. No one other than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has been free of sins. Because of Him we rely on Him for finding blessings and redemption from sin. We cry aloud and say

C: O God, comfort and purify us by forgiving all our sins which we have committed before You knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally.

Meditation

P: Lord God, remedy and make amends all our transgressions and waywardness in thought, word and deed which are public, private, and manifestly apparent to You.

P: O Lord, forgive, remove, and remedy all the secret and open wrongdoing and foolishness of Your male and female servants and redeem all of us from the shame before You. May Your glorious name along with that of our Lord Jesus Christ and Your Holy Spirit, be glorified and praised by us and for us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

D: God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He remains faithful as for all generations in the past and yet to come.

The Second Blessing

✻[The priest turns to the west and blessing the congregation, says]

The blessing of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ ✠, dearly beloved, be with you all forever.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

✻[Here the priest conducts the meditation while breaking the bread]

(The deacon and the congregation shall sing a chant or recite the litany from the order of Mar Jacob pp. 30)

D: Let us give glory to God the Father, Lord of all, and worship His only begotten Son and praise His Holy and Life-giving Spirit.

C: **O Lord of all blessings, we commit our lives into Your keeping and pray for Your blessing. O God, good and gracious, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

P: Lord God who strengthens us out of our weakness, and who comforts us and encourages us, we pray to You. Cleanse us from all the filthiness of sin and injustice and evil. Kindly accept this service before Your Holy presence which we sinners offer. We loudly pray and recite, O heavenly Father, Our Father who is in Heaven,

C: **Hallowed be Your name....**

P: Our merciful and compassionate God, since we are not capable to bear temptations, do not lead us to the test of temptations. On other hand according to Your abundant and manifold mercy redeem us from all angry punishment, for the Kingdom and power is Yours. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord and God of every blessing we bow our heads in Your presence before we receive Your Holy Body and Blood.**

P: Lord God, kindly bless these Your servants who have bowed before Your holy presence the heads of their souls and bodies and are praying. Make them worthy of all blessings and redemption of sin. Since You are the one who is the source of all blessings and is almighty and able, we offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

The Third Blessing

*[The priest turns to the west and blesses the congregation, saying]

May the grace, mercy, and blessings of the Holy and Glorious Trinity ✠ uncreated, self-originated ✠ eternal, adorable and one in essence ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, for ever and ever.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Holy and Glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

D: We must participate in this with reverence, devotion and fear of the Lord.

C: **O Lord kindly bless us also.**

*[From here till the praise of thanksgiving form the Order of Mar Jacob pp. 32-37]

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: O Lord God, we praise You and acknowledge You for this gift which You gave us even though we are unworthy. Do not put on us the blame and shame of sins. On the other hand help us out of the evil forces which war against us. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son, and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before You, having received Holy Body and Blood.**

P: O Lord, bless all Your servants who have assembled here with Your right hand. Protect them with Your cross. Be their shield and refuge from all secret and open enemies. Make them perfect with Your abundant blessings. We and they will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your Father and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

*[Hoothamma and the remaining parts from the Order Mar Jacob pp. 38-39]

The Order of Qurbana according to John the Patriarch

The Prayer of Peace

P: O Lord God, who is the spring of love, and sea of of grace, give us grace, peace and unity to love You and one another till the end. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And with your spirit as well.

D: In the love of our Lord God, let us greet one another in peace and pure and divine kiss.

✻[Here congregation will greet one another and the people shall respond in low voice and repeat it until everyone has been greeted]

C: May the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with us always.

✻[After the completion of greeting]

D: Brothers and sisters, having received the Holy peace, let us bow our heads before the merciful Lord.

C: Gracious Lord and God, we bow our heads before You.

✻[prayer after the kiss of peace]

P: O Lord, give freely to Your servants who have bowed their necks of souls and bodies before Your Holy altar, the fellowship of Your Divine Grace. For our offering to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, because of Your eternal love, You sent Your only begotten Son for our salvation. Depending on that divine mercy kindly accept this offering of sacrifice of praise. For we offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son and Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: Amen.

D: Brothers and sisters, we must participate in this ....p. 21.

✻[The priest removes the veil covering paten and chalice in silent devotion]

You are the flint-stone which allowed the waters of river to flow for the twelve tribes of Israel. You are also the priceless and tested corner stone which was rejected by the builders.

✻[The priest turns to the west and gives the following blessing to the congregation]

The First Blessing

The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the only begotten Son ✠ and the communion and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, for ever and ever.

C: **And with your spirit also.**

✻[Priest lifts up his hands and recites]

May the attention (awareness), thoughts and hearts of all of us at this time be on high at the right side of Father God where the Lord Messiah solemnly proceeded and is seated.

C: **Our hearts truly are with the Lord God.**

P: To sing praises and worship the creator of all things.

C: **Truly is worthy and right.**

P: O Lord, mix the poor praises of us who are weak with the praises and orderly worship in unison of heavenly hosts singing in fiery tongues, Holy, Holy, Holy. We also praise and loudly proclaim in one voice.

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of His glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

(or chant)

Meditation

P: O God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we at all times rejoice in our salvation and give praise and thanksgiving for Your helping grace.

P: Before the passion, according to the Holy Will of God, the Word, He took bread in His Holy hands before the passion according to the Holy will of God, the Word.

C: Bless, O Lord

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke and gave it to His Holy apostles saying, Take, eat, this is my Body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

P: In the same manner, He took the cup mixed the wine and the water.

C: Bless, O Lord.

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His Holy apostles saying, Drink from this, all of you. This is my Blood of the New Covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

C: Amen.

P: Likewise as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your Second Coming. May Your blessings rest upon us all.

P: O Lord, help us to honor Your commandments concerning Your Lordship such as life's earnestness and to faithfully observe these divine mysteries which You entrusted with Your holy apostles. O Lord, we fear and tremble thinking of the day of Your coming which is filled with fear and trembling. For we do not have the courage in ourselves to look at Your Holy Face. Lord Jesus Christ on that day filled with fear and trembling, do not encounter us with Your Justice but only in the manner of expression of Your Grace. For that Your church and parish pray and say to You and through You to Your Father.

C: Almighty God, our Father, have mercy upon us. O Lord our God, we give thanks to You, we glorify You, we worship You. O source of all goodness, we pray, have mercy on us and bless us.

Meditation

P: O Lord, weak and sinful as we are, we gratefully praise You for every blessing and, because of that, for Your compassion.

❋[Silent prayer of the priest for the Holy Spirit]

P: O Lord, send the Holy Spirit to us and to this Holy Qurbana. Through Him sanctify us from our sins. Do not prohibit divine gifts from us.

P: Answer unto us O Lord, Answer unto us O Lord, and answering unto us, by Your grace, have mercy on us.

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

❋[Priest blessing the bread recites]

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread to be the Holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

❋[Priest blessing the chalice recites]

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice to be the Holy Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord God, through eating and drinking the Holy Body and Blood of Your only Son, purify our souls and bodies and make us worthy for eternal life. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember in Your Holy presence the chief shepherds of Your church and the whole community of clergy.

D: O Lord, remember mercifully....p. 25

C: O Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, establish the Holy Church. Bring to naught the forces, the forces of evil, and use it as a good weapon working for Her extension and promotion. Also give Her shepherds calm and quiet life. For offering praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember all those who go about doing good and take refuge in Your mercy calling upon Your Holy Name.

D: Remember, O Lord, all true and faithful followers of Christ and comfort them by Your gracious help and support.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, since You are the refuge of all living beings, their eyes are fixed on You. We raise praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember all those who help Your praiseworthy Church and all the kings and rulers.

D: O Lord, remember all those ....p. 25.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, help and support them with Your strong arm. We pray that You come for their aid before the enemies as shield and buckler. For we offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember holy Virgin Mary and all the hosts of saints.

D: O Lord, we remember the mother .....p. 26

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, make us worthy of the inheritance and rights (claims) of Your saints and the elected ones. For we offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember all the great Fathers, Advisors, and all those who have suffered and are suffering afflictions for the stability of praiseworthy faith.

D: Lord, we remember the three Councils ....p. 27

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, keep us safe in the praiseworthy faith. Confirm in us the precepts and teachings related to the Lord given by Your Holy Spirit. For praising and glorifying ceaselessly You and Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: We remember all Fathers and teachers who passed away depending on You.

D: Lord, in the last day when ....p. 27

C: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

P: O Lord, forgive our sins. Wipe out our transgressions. Among all those who took human life, Your only begotten Son alone is guiltless before You. We take refuge only in Him for receiving blessings through Him and for redemption of sin. We shout and say this.

C: O God, comfort and purify us by forgiving all our sins which we have committed against You knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally.

[Remaining parts from the order Mar Jacob pp. 27-38]

The Order of Qurbana by Bishop Thomas the Harclean

Prayer of Peace

P: O Lord, who does not have beginning and end, invisible and eternal and is worshiped and praised by all creation, cleanse now the souls and bodies of all of us. Make us worthy to praise You and Your only begotten Son and Holy Spirit, united by the spiritual unity of love, to You and between us, both now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with you as well.**

D: In the love our Lord God, with pure and divine kiss, let us greet one another in peace.

C: **May the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah abide with You forever.**

D: Brothers and sisters, having received the Holy and Divine Peace, let us bow our heads before the merciful Lord.

P: O Lord because of Your exceeding mercy, bless these Your servants and worshippers who have now bowed before Your Holy presence and await Your heavenly gift. For, You are the bestower of grace and love for humankind. To You, Your Only Begotten Son and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, You draw our thoughts completely to the light from above which is Your rich, glorious, and great knowledge and wisdom because of Your Only Begotten Son's grace and love for humankind. You are worthy of praise, reverence, and dominion with Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

D: *Brothers and sisters, we must participate in this Holy Qurbana which is now offered to us with orderliness, awe, humility, purity of heart, love, true faith and devotion. To God the Father to whom all things belong is offered this sacrifice of grace and peace in a spirit of unity and concord.*

✠ [The priest removes the veil covering the paten and chalice—meditation]

P: You are the flint-stone rock which allowed the waters of river to flow for the twelve tribes of Israel. You are also the priceless and tested corner stone which was rejected by the builders.

C: **Amen.**

✠ [The priest turns to the West and gives the following blessing to the congregation]

The First Blessing

P: The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the only begotten Son ✠ and the communion and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And with you as well.**

✠ [The priest lifts up his hands and recites]

P: At this time, may our attention, thoughts and hearts of all of us be on high at the right hand side of Father God where the Lord Messiah is exalted and seated.

C: **Our hearts truly are with the Lord God.**

P: To sing praises and worship the creator of all things.

C: **Truly is worthy and right.**

P: Angles and Archangels glorify and praise Your honor in Your eternal and holiest abodes ceaselessly acclaiming and singing, The Lord is Holy…

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of His glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

(or hymn)

Meditation

P: O Lord God, You have dealt with us mercifully and properly according to Your truth. You sent Your Only Begotten Son for our life and salvation wherein He united with us.

P: When He took the form of a servant to accomplish our salvation, He took bread in His Holy hands.

C: Bless, O Lord.

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke and gave it to His holy apostles saying, Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

P: [Taking the chalice in his hands] In the same manner He took the cup.

C: Bless, O Lord.

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His holy apostles saying, 'Drink from this all of you. This is My Blood of the New Covenant which is shed for many, for the forgiveness (remission) of sins.

C: Amen.

P: Thus as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your second coming. May Your blessings rest upon us all.

P: O God, the eternal Word, we remember everything You accomplished for us. Your Birth, Baptism, Passion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension, Seat in glory at the right side of the Father and Your glorious Second Coming. Bearing this in mind, as Your church and parish we pray to You and through You to Your Father with contrite hearts saying, Almighty God, our Father, have mercy on us.

C: Almighty God, our Father, have mercy upon us. O Lord our God, we give thanks to You. We glorify You. We worship You. O source of all goodness, we pray, have mercy on us and bless us.

Meditation

P: O Lord, weak and sinful as we are, we gratefully praise You for every blessing and due to this, Your compassion.

(Silent Prayer of the Priest)

P: O God, our Father, the One who proceeds from You and who with You and Your Only Begotten Son is one in essence, send us now also the grace of the Holy Spirit. May He resting upon us, sanctify this bread and wine.

P: O Lord, answer unto us. O Lord, answer unto us and answering unto us, by Your grace, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(The priest blesses the bread reciting)

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

(Priest blesses the chalice)

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, confirm the relationship of those of us who participate in these mysteries with You. May we boldly sing standing in Your holy presence, praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, accept the sacrifice of praise that we offer in Your Holy Name. We pray to You for Your church, its shepherds and administrators, for international peace, for the end of wars, and blessings of the year for I who is weak and for all the people in need.

D: O Lord, remember mercifully Your Holy Church....p. 25

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Our praiseworthy and adorable God, we pray to You. Accept our weak prayers for Your inheritance who have been brought by the Blood of Your Holy Son. According to the promise of Your Only Begotten Son, send to us Your gift of blissful and imperishable riches. You are praised with Him and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord remember, through Your divine remembrance, all the faithful who are standing with us and have participated in this service.

D: Remember, O Lord all true and faithful followers of Christ and comfort them by Your gracious help and support.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, who is light, inapproachable, giver of all gifts and the source of all help, make all of us, who call upon You, prosperous with the joyous wealth of Your heavenly gifts. For grace is Yours and Your Only Begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, look mercifully upon all the shepherds who serve Your church. Give them victory in the fight for truth.

D: O Lord God, we pray for all who exercise authority...p. 26

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, increase Your help to those who serve Your Holy Church to tend and zealously lead her herd of sheep in the joyous stream of the gospel of Your Only Begotten Son. We offer praise and thanksgiving, along with them to You, Your only begotten Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember those who undergo persecution for Your Holy Name. We remember all those saints, both men and women, who have pleased You in each generation.

D: O Lord, we remember the mother of our Lord...p. 26

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord, because of Your Son's grace, mercy, and love for humankind, make us worthy of Your salvation and unfading joy along with all the saints who were well pleasing to You. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: We remember all the Holy Fathers who are noble souls and servants of Your Holy Church.

D: Lord, we remember the three councils...p. 27

C: **Lord have mercy.**

P: O Lord, firmly sustain Your Holy Church in the joyful experience of new life. Adorn us with the teachings unblemished teachings of Your elect. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit now and forever, for You are the One who gives blessings and the One who showers gifts.

C: **Amen.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember all the Fathers, brothers and sisters, teachers, who have died in Your true faith. Make us also worthy to follow their footsteps.

D: Lord, in the last day when You raise and gather...p. 27

C: **Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

P: O Lord, make us dwell in Your homes beaming with light and in the blessed havens of mercy, along with those who have departed with hope in You. Since we have accepted the instruction and precepts of Your Only Son, help us to rejoice along with them by the light of Your Holy Face. We take refuge only in Him and through Him for finding blessings and remissions of sins. We shout and say,

C: **O God, comfort and purify us by forgiving all our sins which we have committed against You knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally.**

Meditation

P: O God, comfort us by forgiving our clandestine and public sins which are manifestly apparent to You in thought, word, and deed.

P: O Lord, lead us into Your ineffable light. Enroll us in Your peace corps. Help us to stand on Your right with the elect. For we have been called to in the flock of the elected one. May Your Holy Name which is respectable above all and praised along with the holy names of our Lord, Jesus Christ and Your Holy Spirit, be established in this service as in everything, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And with your spirit as well.

D: God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He remains faithful as for all generations in the past and yet to come.

The Second Blessing

P: The blessing of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (✠) be with you, dearly beloved, forever.

C: And with your spirit as well.

(Here the priest conducts the meditation while breaking the bread.)

The deacon and congregation together shall sing a hymn or recite the litany found on p. 30)

D: Let us give glory to God the Father, Lord of all, and worship His only begotten son and praise His Holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: O Lord of all blessings, we commit our lives into Your keeping and pray for Your blessing. O God, good and gracious, have mercy upon us and bless us.

(Silent prayers, Special Prayers.etc)

P: O God, Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son, all the multitude, armies and invisible hosts give You honor by praising You. Thousands and ten thousands serve ceaselessly for Your honor. Make us worthy to call You with clear conscience and courage befitting children to call You our Supreme Lord and holy and heavenly Father. Our Father in heaven…

C: Hallowed be Your name…

P: O Lord of all the heavenly hosts, who exercises authority over all creation, the King of all worlds, all creation hails and praise You as our redeemer. During all the days of our life, may we be sustained under Your protection. Salvation and victory is Yours and so we offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your only Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord and God of every blessing, we bow our heads in Your Holy presence before we receive Your Holy Body and Blood.**

P: O Lord, cleanse and purify our consciousness and thoughts by Your Holy Spirit. Bless these servants, Your worshippers, who are awaiting Your endless mercy by bowing their heads in reverent devotion. May we become instruments praising You for and in everything. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

The Third Blessing

May the grace, mercy, and blessings of the Holy and Glorious Trinity ✠, Uncreated, Self-originated ✠, eternal, adorable and one in essence ✠, be with you all, dearly beloved, for ever and ever.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Holy and Glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

D: We must participate in this service with reverence and fear of the Lord.

C: **O Lord, kindly bless us all.**

(From here till the Prayer of Thanksgiving, Mar Jacob's Order pp. 32-37)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: O Lord, we owe You all worship, thanks, and praise. Father, God our Lord, Savior, and revered Jesus Christ, though unworthy, You made us eligible to be content in spirit with the fullness of Your house. O Lord, comfort all of us by strengthening, helping, and raising us with the support and remedy from our sins. May we be seen as those who praise You and doing Your Holy Will. We offer praise and honor to You and Your Only Son and Holy Spirit for Your kindness to us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with you as well. O Lord and God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before You, having received Your Holy Body and Blood.**

P: O Lord, who descended and stooped down from heaven for the salvation of our race. Shower upon us Your compassionate mercy. Give us and all the people of Your Holy Church Your heavenly virtues and blessings. May we glorify You, the Lord of all and Your Father, and Your Holy Spirit, beyond our satisfaction now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(From hoothamma on, the following from Mar Jacob's Order, pp. 38-39)

The Order of Qurbana according to Mar Ivanios Metropolitan (St. John Chrysostom)

Prayer of Peace

P: O God, the source of all concord, peace, love, and source of all blessings, comfort our church and by Your Grace, protect and sustain the world. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

D: In the love of our Lord God, with pure and divine kiss, let us greet one another in peace.

(The congregation greets one another and the people shall respond and repeat the following, until everyone has been greeted.)

C: **May the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with us forever.**

D: Brothers and sisters, having received the holy and divine peace, let us bow our heads before the merciful Lord.

C: **Gracious Lord and God, we bow our heads before You.**

P: O Lord, stretch out Your right hand full of blessing and bless Your worshipping servants who have bowed their heads in Your Holy presence so that we will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your Only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, strengthen and enable us to offer this spiritual and bloodless sacrifice for the sins and transgressions of Your Holy Church. Blot out our wayward ways. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

D: *Brothers and sisters, we must participate in this Holy Qurbana which is now offered to us with orderliness, awe, humility, purity of heart, love, true faith and devotion. To God the Father to whom all things belong is offered this sacrifice of grace and peace in a spirit of unity and concord.*

✠ [The priest removes the veil covering the paten and chalice – meditation]

P: You are the flint-stone rock which allowed the waters of river to flow for the twelve tribes of Israel. You are also the priceless and tested corner stone which was rejected by the builders.

C: **Amen.**

✠ [The priest turns to the West and gives the following blessing to the congregation]

The First Blessing

P: The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the Only Begotten Son ✠ and the communion and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And with you as well.**

✠ [The priest lifts up his hands and recites]

P: At this time, May our attention, thoughts and hearts of all of us be on high at the right hand side of Father God where the Lord Messiah is exalted and seated.

C: **Our hearts truly are with the Lord God.**

P: To sing praises and worship the creator of all things.

C: **Truly is worthy and right.**

P: Let us praise the one who is praised by indescribable voices and ceaseless mouths by angels, archangels, cherubim, seraphim, confessors, all the visible and countless hosts of heavenly armies. We proclaim boldly:

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of His glory. Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

(or hymn)

Meditation

P: Father God, You are truly Holy, The Holy Spirit who is always sanctified with Your Holy Son, Lord Jesus Christ, is also Holy.

P: He, by His love, took flesh for us and for our salvation willingly became nothing and suffered in His body in that night of passion and took bread in his holy hands.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke and gave it to His holy apostles saying, Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: **Amen.**

P: [Taking the chalice in his hands] In the same manner He took the cup.

C: **Bless, O Lord.**

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His holy apostles saying, 'Drink from this all of you. This is my Blood of the New Covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness (remission) of sins.

C: **Amen.**

P: Thus as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: **O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your second coming. May Your blessings rest upon us all.**

P: O Lord, we Your servants who are sinners and blameworthy remember all Your salvific acts and Your trembling and Glorious Second Coming. We shudder and to You and to Your Father through You.

C: **Almighty God, our Father, have mercy upon us. O Lord, our God, we give thanks to You, we glorify You, we worship You. O source of all goodness, we pray, have mercy on us and bless us.**

Meditation

P: O Lord, being ever grateful, we Your weak and sinful servants, praise Your compassion because of everything and for everything.

(Silent prayer of the priest for the Holy Spirit)

P: O Lord, by sending Your Holy Spirit, from Your eternal abode, sanctify this bread and wine which are offered and make me clean and pure.

P: O Lord, answer unto us. O Lord, answer unto us, and answering, by Your grace bless and have mercy on us.

C: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy Lord have mercy.

(The priest blessing the bread recites)

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

(Priest blesses the chalice)

P: May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, may all those who participate in this become heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, and those who rejoice in the new life with the saints. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember all the shepherds and rulers and the community of clergy of Your holy church.

D: O Lord, remember mercifully Your Holy Church...p. 25

C: Bless, O Lord.

P: O Lord enlighten those who love You with the light of divine wisdom. Give us good seasons, a comfortable and abundantly peaceful life. We will offer praise and thanksgiving, to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, kindly remember Your faithful people here and everywhere.

D: O Lord, remember all true and faithful followers of Christ and comfort them by Your gracious help and support.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, sustain and be with all those who are anxious, afflicted, broken hearted, sorrowful, poor and needy, foreigners, those who are destitute, forsaken, orphans and widows. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember all the faithful administrators and rulers, and those in authority who do Your will.

D: O Lord God, we pray for all who exercise authority...p. 26

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, give us grace to live before Your Holiness a life of comfort and joy. May those who rule over us have compassionate eyes towards us. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, we remember the Holy Virgin May, John the Baptist, Deacon Stephen, and all those who have pleased You.

D: O Lord, we remember the mother of our Lord, the blessed Virgin Mary...p. 26

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, we remember all those who pleased You with their just walk. Make us eligible with them for the entitlements, inheritance, and portion. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, remember all the Holy fathers, tested teachers and servants of the truth.

D: Lord, we remember the three councils...p. 27

C: Lord have mercy.

P: O Lord, by Your grace, confirm all of us in the rock of true faith of three councils. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and to Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Meditation

P: O Lord, please remember our Fathers, brothers and sisters, Teachers and all those in the faithful community.

D: Lord in the last day, when You raise and gather...p. 27

C: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

P: Keep us unreachable by the army of darkness and from being entrapped by the attack of evil spirits. Save us from misery and deep pain. Let Your only Son's light shine in us. We depend completely on Him alone to find blessings and remission of sins through Him and because of Him. We loudly say.

C: O God, comfort and purify us forgiving all our sins which we have committed against You knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally and are apparent to You.

Meditation

P: O God, comfort us by forgiving all the secret and open transgressions in thought, words, and deed, which are manifestly apparent to You.

P: O Lord, hear us because of Your abundant mercy. Rescue us from the coming judgment and the great suffering and pain reserved for the evil ones. May Your blessed Holy name be praised and glorified with our Lord Jesus Christ and Your Holy Spirit as in everything in this service, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And with your spirit as well.

D: *God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He remains faithful as for all generations in the past and yet to come.*

The Second Blessing

P: The blessing of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ ✠ be with you, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

(Here the priest conducts the meditation while breaking the bread.)
The deacon and congregation together shall sing a hymn or recite the litany found on p.30)

(Silent Prayers, etc)
Prayer before the Lord's Prayer

P: O Great and Almighty God, You have called us by Your love for humankind for this divine gift. Because of this, O Father, we glorify You. We worship the Holy Spirit. With clear consciousness, pure imagination, sincere heart, clean body, and with courage, we recite the prayer that Your only Son our Lord taught us, worshipping and saying our heavenly and omnipotent Father... Our Father in heaven...

C: **Hallowed be Your name...**

P: O gracious and merciful Father, who made us worthy to be called Your children, save us from perilous temptations. Redeem us from the evil one, all his powers, and from the harms of evil people. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord and our God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before we receive Your Holy Body and Blood.**

P: O, all powerful king, under whose dominion creation stands bowed, send Your blessings to Your Holy Church for She will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

The Third Blessing

May the grace, mercy, and blessings of the Holy and Glorious Trinity ✠, Uncreated, Self-originated ✠, eternal, adorable and one in essence ✠, be with you all, dearly beloved, for ever and ever.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Holy and Glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us.**

D: We must participate in this service with reverence and fear of the Lord.

C: **O Lord, kindly bless us all.**

(From here till the Prayer of Thanksgiving, Mar Jacob's Order pp. 32-37)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: O God, we gratefully praise Your Holy name for enabling us, who are unworthy, to be eligible to receive this Your divine gift of Your only Son's Body and Blood. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before You, having received Your Holy Body and Holy Blood.**

P: O Lord God, Jesus Christ, fill us with fear and devotion to You and confirm us in Your love demonstrated through Your Holy Will wherein Your father and the Holy Spirit offered as a sacrifice for us gave Your Holy Body as our bread and Your redeeming Blood for the remission of sins. Adorn us with praise and thanksgiving to You and Your Father and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen. Bless, O Lord.**

(From Hoothamma, it is the same as Mar Jacob's Order. pp. 38-39)

The Order of Holy Qurbana for the sick

(This service can be conducted in a Church, House, Hospital or in a Caring Home)
(The Priest begins the service after vesting)

P: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Shower upon me, weak and sinful as I am, Your blessing and mercy in this world and the world to come, now and forever.

Opening Prayer

P: O Lord God who is merciful and loves humankind, the one Lord and creator, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to whom praise and honor are due from all, make us worthy to stand in Your Holy and awesome presence and serve You always with awareness, awe and spiritual order, both now and forever.

(The priest places the bread in the paten and mixes the wine and water in the chalice.)

Almighty Lord God, who is ever forgiving and who does not cherish the death of sinners, I stretch out the hands of my heart and seek pardon and remission to all my innumerable sins. I am not worthy, O Lord, to live wholly in You, or to receive from You the gift of Your Divine mysteries. Yet I earnestly pray that You protect my thinking from all dealings and snares of the adversary, my eyes from lustful looks, my ears from hearing vain things, my hands from abhorrent deeds, and beseech You to be the citadel of my inner being so that I may be used by You and You alone, now and always. Amen.

(The priest covers the paten and chalice with the kabalanna and prays the following prayer for himself, kneeling)

Almighty Lord God, who forgives the injustice of humanity, and the one who does not like the death of sinners, I beg You by stretching out the hands of my heart to You and seek the remission of all our transgressions. Even though I am weak and unworthy, I pray to You to help me to abide in You and for receiving the divine mysteries of Your gift. Save my consciousness from all the dealings of the enemy, my eyes from looking lustfully, my ears from listening to vain things, my hands from loathsome deeds and may my conscience be used by You. Amen.

(After that the priest rises and removes the veil of paten placing it on the right and that of the cup on the left and recites)

P: O Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, without any blemish, who for the redemption of the whole world's sins submitted Himself as the acceptable offering to His Father, make us worthy to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice that is well pleasing to You and parallel to Your sacrifice for us.

(The priest places his hands in the fashion of the cross, stretching and holding the paten in the right hand above the left hand which holds the chalice and recites)

P: We meditate according to the commandment of the Lord related to the remembrance of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ and His saving actions on our behalf namely the message through the angel, glorious conception, birth in flesh, baptism in Jordan, forty days lent, raising on the cross, life-giving passion, death, and honorable burial, ascension to Heaven, and seating on the right hand of God the Father.

(After covering with the veil, recites)

P: By the brilliance of the Glorious One, the Heavens are covered. His glory fills all creation.

(The priest puts incense in the censer and winnowing it bows and recites)

P: We worship the merciful Father. We adore the merciful Son. We praise the Holy Spirit.

O, the just ones, praise the Lord. All peoples praise Him. Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, from the beginning, now and forever. Amen.

Ethra

P: O Lord, in Your mercy, accept the worship of Your servants. Listen to the prayer of Your priests. O Son, the Messiah, who is being worshiped and praised along with Your Father and Your living and Holy Spirit, You be the one who always favors the service of those who worship You. Amen.

Petition

P: Our Lord and God, remove all anger from Your people. Be merciful to the sheep of Your pasture. Let Your peace and concord abide in all parts of the world. Amen.

Public Service

P: O Lord Jesus the Messiah, who was born of Mary baptized by John, shower Your blessings on us.

C: **O Lord our King, the only begotten Son, and Word of the Heavenly Father, we praise You. Lord Jesus Christ, immortal and gracious by nature, who for the salvation and life of all humankind, was born of the Virgin Mary and became the Son of Man and was crucified for us, thereby trampling death under foot and destroying it forever, who is one in the Holy Trinity and is worshiped and glorified equally with Your Father and Your living and Holy Spirit, have mercy on all of us. Amen.**

(To be repeated thrice)

P: Holy art Thou, O God

C: **Holy art Thou, Almighty Lord**

P: Holy art Thou, Immortal One

C: **O thou who was ✣ crucified for us, shower Your blessings upon us.**

[Then repeat after the priest]

Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

P: O Lord God, accept the prayers and petitions that we submit at this time in Your presence. Our Lord and our God, make us ever worthy to observe in purity and goodness of heart Your precepts and those of Your Holy Apostles and of Your Apostle Paul, architect and builder of Your Holy Church.

C: **Amen.**

✣ [The deacon/ lay leader standing at the south of the altar faces the congregation]

D: *From the First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians. (I Cor. 11:23-30)*

C: **Praise to You, O Lord of the Apostles. O Lord, grant us grace to discern Your Word.**

✣ Prayer before reading the gospel

P: Lord God, grant us the knowledge and discernment of Your divine word. Fill us with the essence of Your Holy Gospel, the riches of Your divine wisdom, and the gracious gift of Your Holy Spirit. Enable us to obey gladly Your commands and to perfectly fulfill Your Holy Will. Make us worthy to receive Your blessings and mercies at all times, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

D: *Brothers and sisters, let us stand in silence, awe and reverence and listen to the proclamation of the Living Word of God from the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord Messiah.*

✣ The priest turning to the west facing the congregation

P: Peace be with you all.

C: May the Lord God make us worthy with your spirit to listen to His word.

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Messiah which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by the Apostle John.

C: Blessed is He who has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent Him for our salvation. May His blessings be ever upon all of us.

P: In the days of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior, the Word of Life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, ✣ it happened in this way.

C: So we believe and affirm.

✣ The priest then reads the portion of the gospel: John 6:47-58.

P: Peace be with you all.

C: And also with you. We thank You Lord that You have given us Your gospel which is indeed the light of the world that we may be drawn closer to You. Enable us by Your grace to give praise to You through the living words from Your Gospel which we have now heard.

or hymn

Promeon

P: Let us all pray to the Lord for His blessings and mercy.

C: O Lord, who is the source of all blessings, help us by blessing us.

P: Make us always worthy to offer to You our ceaseless praise, thanksgiving, glory and greatness.

To our good master, Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His Body as our food and His blood as our drink and made us heirs of His Kingdom of Heaven, belong at this time of completing the divine sacrifice of praise and all the days of our life, praise, honor, and worship, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(The priest after putting incense in the censer.)

P: O Lord God, who makes the sinners righteous, pardons our sins and makes us holy , blot out all our offenses from Your memory. Through Your loving mercy good Lord wipe away my great and innumerable sins, and the sins of Your believing people and bless us. O Lord God, through Your mercy and in Your goodness, remember us, our parents, brothers and sisters, our bishops, clergy and teachers, and faithful children of Your Holy and Glorious Church. Lord God, comfort our bodies and spirits. Shower upon us Your kind and merciful dew. O, our King Messiah, glorious Lord, , and our Lord of Lords, be the remission of our sins and our liberating force. Lord, answer unto us. Come to our aid and save us. Dear God, accept our prayers and supplications and remove all the grievous penalties and rods of anger from us. Make us all worthy of the good end that is set for all children of peace. Grant us freely the Christian wholeness You love and which You deem as well-pleasing and is consonant with Your divinity. We offer, unto You, our praise, thanksgiving, and glory, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sedra

P: O Lord God, who is hidden from the mortals and the angels, we offer this sacrifice of praise in Your presence and in the presence of Your dear Son who revealed to the world because of His love, and to Your Holy Spirit who blesses the world by His abiding presence. Merciful Lord, look mercifully on this Your servant who is weak, who lies in sickness and takes refuge in Your mercies and prays for the clearance of all debts, remission of sins, and healing of sickness. May he hear the sweet and comforting words, "Son be of good courage. I am with you always. Be not afraid." Establish in us and throughout the holy church the true peace that You gave to Your holy apostles. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: **Amen. May the Lord accept your service and help us by your prayers.**

P: May we always have remedy for our debts and remission of our sins from God our Father.

C: **Amen.**

(After putting incense in the censer)

P: Weak and sinful as we are, let us confess and together say:
Holy is the Holy Father.

C: Amen.

P: Holy is the Holy Son.

C: Amen.

P: Holy is the living and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

D: Wisdom cries aloud. Let us stand in reverence and affirm our faith along with the respected Priest/revered Bishop.

Nicene-Constantinople Creed

P: We believe in one true God, the Father Almighty,

C: Maker of heaven and earth and all things visible and invisible.

P: We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,

C: begotten of the Father before all the world. Light of light, very God of very God, begotten not made, who for us humans and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified for us in the days of Pontius Pilate, suffered, died and was buried. The third day He rose again by His father's holy will, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father and who will come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end.

P: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

C: who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets and apostles and we believe in one Holy catholic and apostolic church.

P: We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins

C: and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the new life of the world to come. Amen.

D: Bless O Lord. Let us stand in reverence.

C: Lord have mercy.

Prayer for Peace

P: O Lord, at this time give us complete love, unity, peace, and concord. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

(When greeting one another recite.)

C: **May the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with and amongst us always. O Merciful Lord and God, we bow our heads in Your Holy presence.**

P: Banish all unholy thoughts from us by this sacrifice of praise we offer to You. Thereby enlighten our souls and sanctify our bodies. We will offer praise to You and Your Only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(After removing the veil)

The First Blessing

P: The love of God the Father ✠ the grace of the only begotten Son ✠ and the communion and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit ✠ be with you all, dearly beloved, forever.

C: **And with you as well.**

✠ [The priest lifts up his hands and recites]

P: At this time, May our attention, thoughts and hearts of all of us be on high at the right hand side of Father God where the Lord Messiah is exalted and seated.

C: **Our hearts truly are with the Lord God.**

P: To sing praises and worship the creator of all things.

C: **Truly is worthy and right.**

P: O Lord, we loudly proclaim continually standing in Your Holy presence with the multitude of fiery ones, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.

C: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Heaven and earth are full of His glory, Hosanna in the highest.

or hymn

P: [Taking the bread in his hand] When the Sinless One, of His own will, chose to suffer death for us sinners, He took bread in His holy hands.

C: Bless, O Lord.

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and broke and gave it to His holy apostles saying, Take, eat; this is my Body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

C: Amen.

P: [Taking the chalice in his hands] In the same manner He took the cup.

C: Bless, O Lord.

P: He gave thanks ✠ blessed ✠ sanctified ✠ and gave it to His Holy apostles saying, 'Drink from this all of you. This is my Blood of the New Covenant which is shed for many for the forgiveness (remission) of sins.

C: Amen.

P: Thus as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: O Lord, we commemorate Your death. We celebrate Your resurrection and we await Your second coming. May Your blessings rest upon us all.

P: O Lord, Your church remembers all Your saving actions, and Your terrifying Second Coming when You mete out the rewards according to one's actions. Because of this Your Church and Your parish pray with contrite hearts through You to Your Father, Almighty God our Father, have mercy upon us.

C: Almighty God our Father, have mercy upon us. O Lord our God, we give thanks to You, we glorify You, we worship You. O source of all goodness, we pray, have mercy on us and bless us.

P: O Lord answer us, O Lord answer unto us, and answering by Your grace, have mercy on us.

C: Lord have mercy. Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy.

The Epiclesis

✣ [The priest blessing the bread recites]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

✣ [The priest recites blessing the chalice]

May the Holy Spirit sanctify the wine in this chalice that it may be the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, give to all who participate in this Sacred mystery remedy of debts and inheritance of eternal life. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, protect all those who are in languor, persecuted, sorrowful, and are in difficulty because of need and poverty, foreigners, destitute, prisoners, the lonely, orphans, and widows. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, we remember this person who is not well and all the members of the family who are worried about him/her. Give him/her release from sickness, peace of mind and light to the soul, comfort and strengthen all these people belonging to the family. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.**

P: O Lord, when we are saved from death and released from Hades, and when we are shaken out of the dust, may the grace of Your Only Son be strengthened on us. We rely on Him alone to find blessings and remission of sins through Him.

C: **O God, comfort and purify us by forgiving all our sins which we have committed against You knowingly and unknowingly, intentionally and unintentionally.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well.**

(The priest meditates while breaking the bread)

O God, the Messiah, You are the one who was pierced on the side for us on Golgotha in Jerusalem. You are the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world. Clearing our debts and forgiving our sins, keep us on Your right side. Amen.

C: **O Merciful God, the sound of our petitions knock at Your door. Do not forbid the requests concerning the needs of those who worship You. Lord, have mercy.**

or hymn...

D: *Let us give glory to God the Father, Lord of all and worship His only begotten Son and praise His Holy and Living Holy Spirit.*

C: **O Lord of all blessings, we commit our lives into You keeping and pray for Your blessing. O God, good and gracious, have mercy upon us and bless us.**

(Petition before the Lord's prayer)

P: O God who accepts prayers and grants petitions, we submit to You the prayer that Your only and Holy Son taught us, saying with contrite hearts before Your holy presence, Our Father in heaven...

C: **Hallowed be Your name...**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord and God of every blessing, we bow our heads in Your Holy presence before we receive Your Holy Body and Blood.**

(Priest lifts up the paten and chalice and recites)

These holy things are given only for holy people.

C: **Holy is the one Father, Holy is the only Son, and Holy is the one Holy Spirit. Amen. Bless, O, Lord.**

P: The one Holy Father, who created the world in His mercy is with us.

C: **Amen.**

P: The only Holy Son who saved it by His precious passion is with us.'

C: Amen.

P: The one Living and Holy Spirit, who makes perfect and fulfills all that is and that has been is with us. May the name of the Lord be blessed as in the beginning both now and forever.

C: Amen.

All together: ***Deiva Suther naam...***

P: O God Almighty, give us Your blessing.

C: Stretch Your Holy arm and bless us.

P: O Lamb of God, Son of David.

C: Mary's own son, hear our prayer.

P: O Holy Spirit, the life-giving one.

C: You reign in us ever and ever.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

(Those who are taking the communion kneel. Then the priest kneels and prays.)

O Lord God, make us worthy to eat and drink Your Holy Body and Blood and to inherit Your Kingdom of Heaven along with all those who have pleased Your heart.

C: Amen.

(The priest stands up and receive the Holy Qurbana. When eating the bread from the paten)

The Holy Body and Holy Blood of our God Messiah is given to me a sinner. Amen.

(When the priest drinks from the cup)

O Lord Jesus, the Word, who came down for our salvation, by the Holy, Living, and Life-giving Blood which was shed on the cross, bring forgiveness and remission of my sins. Amen,

(When giving the Holy Qurbana to the priests and others in position says)

P: The Holy body and blood of our God, the Messiah, is given to you.

Recipients: Amen.

(The priest covers the paten and chalice and holding the paten in the right and the chalice in the left recites)

O Son of God, who came for our salvation and will come again for our resurrection and for the renewal of our race, grant we pray, forgiveness of sins to Your servants through Your atoning sacrifice.

C: Amen.

(The priest turns to the west holding the paten and chalice.)

O Lord God, extend Your invisible right hand and graciously bless these Your children who partake in Your most precious and priceless Holy Body and Blood which were broken and shed on Golgotha for the clearance of our debts and forgiveness of sins and for eternal blessedness in Your Holy presence.

C: Amen.

P: The blessings of Jesus Christ, our great God and Savior, be on those who bear these sacred mysteries, on those who dispense them and those who receive them and on all those who have labored and participated in them and who participate in them. The grace and mercy of God be on us all both now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Give the Holy Qurbana to the sick and if there are others to them as well. When given from the paten)

P: The Holy Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, broken on Golgotha for the forgiveness of sins and remission of our debts is given to you for the health of body and soul.

Recipients: Amen.

(When given from the chalice.)

P: The Holy Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ shed on Golgotha is given to you for the health of body and soul.

Recipients: Amen.

(The priest turns to the west and recites)

O Lord our God praise be to You forever. Praise be to You. Praise be to You. O Lord Jesus the Messiah, may Your Holy Body and Blood which we have received be not for our judgment and condemnation and retribution but for life and salvation of us all. O God, grant us Your blessing.

C: **All the earth shall bow down before You. Every tongue shall praise Your name. Since You give life to the dead and You are the hope of all who lie in the grave. We praise You, O Lord, and give You thanks for Your mercy towards us.**

(Priest turns to the east and recites)

Lord God, we give thanks and worship You for Your Grace which made us, who are unworthy, eligible to receive the divine gift of Your only Son's Holy Body and Holy Blood. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Peace be with you all.

C: **And with your spirit as well. O Lord our God, source of all blessings, we bow our heads before Your Holy presence having received Your Holy Body and Blood.**

P: O Lord Messiah, heavenly bread, who came down to become for us the imperishable food, along with Your saints, in Your coming, make us joyful. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your Father, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen. Bless, O Lord.**

P: O Lord, bless us all, O Creator keep us all, show us ever the way of salvation, O Lord and Helper of all.

C: **O Lord, bless this Your servant who has ministered in Your Holy presence. Pardon the offenses of Your parish. O Lord, make us worthy and enable us to receive Your gifts and blessings and send us with Your peace.**

The Fourth and Final Blessing

*[The priest turns to the west facing the congregation and shall say]

P: My beloved brothers and sisters, I commend you to the grace and blessings of the Holy and Glorious Trinity. Depart now in peace ✠ with the gifts and blessings that you have received from the atoning sacrifice of the Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: You, both near and far, who are saved by the victorious cross of the Lord ✠ and sealed with the holy baptism, this Holy Trinity will clear your debts and forgive your sins and comfort your souls.

C: **Amen.**

P: Pray for me, my brothers and sisters, weak and sinful as I am, that I may obtain mercy and help through your prayers, depart in peace filled with ✠ gladness and rejoicing.

C: **May the Lord accept your ministration and help us by your prayers. Amen.**

(The priest wipes clean the paten and chalice.
Then recites Psalm 23 silently concluding the service.)

Promeons and Sedras for Holy Qurbana

Number: 1

P: Let us pray to the Lord for His grace and mercy.

C: Merciful Lord, bless us and help us.

P: Make us worthy O Lord to continually offer to You praise and thanksgiving, glory, adoration, and unfading majesty.

The desirable offering which was offered as a sacrifice and bringing to us remission of sins and by His sanctifying sacrifice made us pure, is blessed and its sweet fruit is glorified. To the Lord Messiah, the Lamb, the son of the Virgin, who climbed on the Cross and redeemed us and exempted us from the sacrifices of dumb animals, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise and all the days of our lives, are due praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: Almighty God our Lord, who accepts the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with their whole heart, kindly accept the prayers of Your sinful servants. Draw us close to Your Holy Altar. Strengthen us to offer spiritual gifts and sacrifices for our sins and the transgressions of Your people. O Lord, make us worthy to have our sacrifice acceptable to You. May Your Holy Spirit, source of all blessings, abide in us and through our Lord Jesus Christ and on these offered gifts and all Your faithful people. Praise, honor, and power is always due to Him and Your Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Number: 2

P: To the Lord Messiah who offered himself for our salvation and fed us by breaking His Body and helped us drink from his body through opening the side of His Body and raised us with Him to Heaven, at this

time of perfecting the divine sacrifice of praise and all the days of our lives, is due praise and thanksgiving, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: O Glorious God, Lord of Lords, Judge of Judges, the one whom those in authority are fearful of, and at His brightness the fiery beings shudder and by whose sight spiritual beings shake, in Your Holy presence we worship and pray to Your Divinity. You have made us worthy to serve You like the Holy Seraphim and to participate in the mysteries of Your Adorable Divinity. O Lord, bless us with Your mercies to stand in Your presence and before Your Holy Altar in purity and to serve You at Your holy table with clean hearts. Cleanse our souls and bodies. Sanctify our thoughts and deliberations. Wipe clean all the dirt of our sin. Make us eligible to offer delightful and blemishless sacrifices and receive the blessings You have promised Your servants. We will offer praise and thanksgiving with them and amongst them together to You and Your Father and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Number: 3

P: To the Lord Messiah, whose Blood was mixed at the heights of Golgotha thereby justifying and sanctifying sinners from injustice through the cup of praise and salvation on the height of the Cross, who shed Your Blood for the remission of our sins and hence sealed the races and saved them from death at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice, we offer praise and thanksgiving all the days of our life, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: O Lord, our Messiah, who is the creator of all, and the One who restores everything, the life and saving breath of the world, the clean and indestructible Mooron and delightful and non-decaying perfume, who fills our hearts with the fragrance of Your Divine Knowledge, and has made us who are weak and earthly worthy to worship standing in Your Holy presence serving and worshipping those divine and indescribable secrets which even angels are desirous of observing. O Lord, save us by freeing us from the bondage of sin and anxiety over vain things. Make us worthy to do the great and wholesome labor under Your light and delightful yoke. Help us to live all the days of our lives in Your Holy presence with revived souls and bodies for good works. And by Your grace and by the goodwill of the Blessed One, who is praised for sending You for our salvation, and through the working of Your Holy Spirit enable us to have a blessed end free of misery, complaints, and sorrows, and the life befitting that of the angels, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Number: 4

P: To the Lord our Messiah who offered Himself for us on the tree of the Cross and by His sacrifice for us brought remission of our sins, Who died and by His death have given us life, Who rose again and by His resurrection raised us to life and ascended into Heaven and helped us to ascend with Him and thus is an acceptable gift, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise and all the days of our life, You are due praise and thanksgiving both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: O Lord God, at this time of completing this Divine Sacrifice, we have gathered in Your Holy Temple awaiting for many blessings from You, we pray that You bless us Your servants, both male and female. O Lord, send to us the good gift of Your Holy Spirit. Sanctify our souls and bodies so that we would be worthy to receive Your Holy Body and

priceless Holy Blood. Equip us with Your spiritual weapons. Adorn us with love and unity. Release us from the punishments and the rod of anger. Protect us with Your Victorious Cross. Make all of us eligible at Your Second Coming to the noble position on Your right side. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You and Your Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Number: 5
(For Passover Thursday)

P: To the Lord Messiah, who sanctifies us by the sanctifying sacrifice and accepts clean gifts and the One Who makes spiritual worships great for our sins once for all offered as sacrifice for our sins, by Your Blood You cleansed our wounds and by Your sacrifice, You brought remission of sins and You serve as the most important High Priest and the great One, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise and all the days of our life, praise and thanksgiving is due to You, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sedra

P: Our Lord Messiah, who in nature is great and by His grace gives to saints holiness in the upper room in Zion, who broke and gave to His disciples His Body which brings remission of sins, and mixed His precious Blood for their release and said, "Do this in remembrance of me." While we are unworthy, through the Holy Spirit, You called us close to You by Your compassionate mercy to conduct worship which is pleasing to You. Because of this, by remembering Your ultimate sacrifice for our salvation, with spiritual joy, we say rejoicing: "This is the Divine Sacrifice given for our salvation. This is the Divine Sacrifice that wipes clean the dirt and removes the stain and clears all our debts, This is the Divine Sacrifice which opened the way to the wholesome people for offering to the heavenly heights. This is the Divine Sacrifice hinted through Abel's sacrifice of a Perfect Lamb which was accepted. This is the Divine Sacrifice which has been offered as a weapon for the salvation of our souls and bodies. This is the Divine Sacrifice which clears the sinners' debts and saves. This is also the Sacrifice of Joy as

the Psalmist David sang "taste and see how good our Lord is." This is also the Sacrifice of Praise offered as perfecting the sacrifice foretold by Joshua the son of the great and main teacher Jozadak. This is the Sacrifice Exemplified by bread and wine offered by the pure High Priest Melchizedek. This is the Divine Sacrifice which all the just and blessed ones waited to see directly but could not. This is the Divine Sacrifice which earned the remedy of debts and remission of sins for the born again races. This is the Divine Sacrifice which gives the faithful the Holy Body and Blessed Blood. This is the Divine Sacrifice that Moses, the chief among the prophets illustrated through the bread kept safe on the table. This is the Divine Sacrifice which the fiery and spiritual Cherubim and Seraphim stand looking at with fear and amazement. This is the Divine Sacrifice which the eternal Father perfected by the passion of the spirit of God, the Holy Trinity, for the glory of His greatness, and for the richness of the good gifts of the Holy Father and the Holy Spirit and for making all the faithful worthy. On this day, the Holy Day, we offer praise and thanksgiving, to You and Your only Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Number: 6

P: To the Lord Messiah, who at the great and holiest of holy places, who by Your invisible great status, which is eternal and continuous and who by triple praises is praised with astonishment and who is confessed as one true God without being able to be tested, known by three spirits and believed as One, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise and all the days of our life, You are due praise and thanksgiving.

C: Amen

P: O Lord God who makes the sinners...14.

Sedra

P: O God who is good in character, in reality is God and is indescribable, endless, invisible, and One who is unimaginable, the real life and the beginning of everything, who enlightens all creation as the Light from

the Light, we remember Your love towards us and Your offer as the Sacrifice and remedy for us to God the Father. Give us grace to do priestly service in Your Holy presence with purity and to perform the honorable and life-giving commandment faithfully and to offer our bodies and souls to Your Father as a well pleasing sacrifice.

Because of this, Lord God, we pray, acknowledging Your love for humanity, for the following: Arouse in us knowledge and power of discretion, courage, power of imagination, fear of God, and experience of salvation, the privilege of sonship, and Your living Holy Spirit which confirms us. Sanctify us and this Holy Qurbana which is being perfected now. Have Your Holy Spirit come and abide to warm our souls and bodies and completely eradicate from our hearts all blemishes and sinful emotions. Make us worthy, having pure hearts and humble souls for perfect and heavenly peace which You gave Your Holy apostles and said, "I leave my peace with you." Establish the eternal peace in our souls and in Your whole Church. Make us eligible to loudly say with purity, along with Cherubim, Seraphim, and all the heavenly hosts, the Almighty Lord is Holy, Holy, Holy, and the heaven and earth is full of His praises for You are Holy and are praised along with Your Father and Your Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Number: 7

P: In the fullness of time, He was revealed for us through Mary and was seen in the Bethlehem manger and testified of by the Father in the River Jordan, and confessed about by John the Baptist, for our salvation He was hung on Golgotha and descended into Hades and raised us, loosened the authority of death and entrusted with us this Your own saving mystery, and was revealed to the gentiles for whom the Spiritual Supper was prepared and who were invited and called to partake in it. To the Lord Messiah, who is the Bread of Life, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise and all the days of our life are due praise and thanksgiving, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: Our Lord Messiah who is the real High Priest and the Sacrifice for the remission of sins, who offered Himself on Golgotha and united the human race which was separated from God because of sin against the Father, who reconciled those in Heaven and in the world by the Blood of His highness, look over us with mercy and compassion, at this time, when we are standing before You. In Your holy presence, angels tremble and archangels shudder, celestial beings are amazed, the confessors sing Hallelujah, and the cherubim praise and seraphim extol Your purity. O Lord, after observing my shameful deeds, forbid not the Holy Spirit, who has wisdom, from the sheep of Your parish. Forbid not Your blessings from Your parish which have been bought by Your blood because of the impurity of my actions. On the other hand, O Lord, by Your grace and abundant mercy, remedy my sins and the sins of Your people, and forgive the misdeeds of Your parish. Accept this service which we the sinners offer to You. O Lord, bless the sinners. Forgive those who are fallen. Receive those who repent. Be merciful to those who are guilty. Bring reconciliation to those who are angry. Unite those who are divided. Bring concord to those who are trouble makers. Wipe out all contradictions. Remove all punishments and purify the impure. Give equanimity to those who are proud. Enlighten the priests. Make the deacons clean. Give the power of discernment to the ministrants. Strengthen the monks. Endow the teachers and advisors with Heavenly wisdom. Stabilize the churches. Sustain the ashrams. Protect the nuns. Bless those who are married. Bring home those who are away. Protect those who are near. Our Lord, may we offer continuous praise from the mouth of all of us to You and Your Father and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Number: 8

P: To the Lord Messiah, the living and killed sacrifice, by whose Sacrifice all the sacrifices of dumb creatures were wiped out and who was the Lamb which was slaughtered and chopped, who was offered as a Sacrifice and by whose life-giving death, the one who died, was buried, ascended, and is living. At this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise and all the days of our life, You are due praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: Our Lord Messiah, the great one who is in Heaven and who recognizes the Divine Sacrifices, the One who willingly offered Himself on Golgotha so as to be acceptable by His invisible Father; who entrusted Himself to the earthly ones for being offered as a sacrifice on the Holy Altar, at this time, we ask that You mercifully and compassionately keep us standing in Your presence. In Your Holy Presence, the angels tremble and the archangels shudder and all the celestial beings are amazed, the confessors are singing Hallelujah, the cherubim are praising You and the seraphim extol Your holiness.

O Lord God, for being able to serve Your Holy Body and Blood, provide inner strength for my weakness. Do not turn Your eyes away from my sins and shortcomings. May Your justice not look closely because of the abundance of my sins. Do not deal with me according to the weaknesses of my miserable soul, but according to the abundance of Your mercy. Do not respond according to my deeds. On the other hand, do to me according to Your mercy. Do to me, not according to my dealings, but according to Your mercy; not according to the multitude of different kind of sins but according to the richness of Your goodness. O Lord God, do not turn Your face away from Your people because of my transgressions. Because of my sins, do not forbid Your Holy Church from Your grace. Because of my shameful deeds, do not deny Your Holy Spirit to the discriminating sheep among Your Holy Herd. If I became guilty because I sinned, what sin did these sincere and honest people do? If the lazy shepherd did evil, what sin did his faultless and pure sheep commit? You created them in Your Divine Image. Do not destroy them because of my sins. Do not reject those whom You created in Your own image because of my sins. Do not reject from the door of Your blessings those whom You bought with Your precious blood because of my waywardness. Do not keep those who were saved by Your Holy cross from Your gift because of my evil ways. Do not deny the divine gifts from those who were redeemed by Your priceless passions because of my lawlessness and unrighteousness this hour. On the other hand, according to the abundance of complete aid of Your graces and mercy, sanctify my soul and the souls of these Your people. Purify my miserable thinking and the thoughts of these people. Make me worthy despite of my weakness to come close to Your Holy

Mysteries so that I and these holy people can come and participate in the Holy Mysteries. Cleanse my hands to serve Your Divine and Holy Body and Blood and make their mouths worthy to receive them. O Lord, make us justifiably worthy to offer new praises from the mouths and tongues of all of us to You, Your Father, and Holy Spirit, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Number: 9

P: Oh Lord, enable us to gather according to Your Holy Will as perfect and holy people in order to offer in Your presence prayers which are pure and Holy the lively and pure sacrifices by Your sacrifice to Your Father which is blessed. At this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise all the days of our life, You are due praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: O Lord, who loves humanity, who was accepted by the relationship of Your mysteries, the one who is eaten because of the reception of Your Body and the bridegroom who called the races to the bridal chamber of Your passion and invited the races to the meal of Your death and gave Yourself, the good shepherd, as meal to Your sheep and the indestructible dining table with a spread before the hungry to eat, You willingly opened the fountain without drought, You blessed the incense for those who were stinking because of sin so that we can have fragrance in Him; You are the Divine ruby which is shared by priests in churches and You are the bottomless cup of praises even when the races and one's own race have drunk from it; You are the Bread of life which You Yourself offered to be broken for satisfying everyone and You are the drink of all joys that was flowed to cool us who are thirsty. You are the lover of humankind as demonstrated through Your love drawn on our tongues as the illustration of Your promises. Enrich us by Your love. Makes us rejoice by Your delight. Make us worthy to experience the expression of Your goodness. Make us eligible to welcome You. Give us the grace to always have communion of Your Body and Blood to come to You continuously for fellowship with You. May our breath be

filled with Your fragrance, our mouths opened for praising You and our tongue to sing Your praises. May our debts be cleared by Your mercy and our sins be wiped away by Your grace. May our errors and deeds of injustice be corrected by Your compassion and our stains and impurities be cleansed by Your hyssop. Transform us in the image of Your glory. Make us temples of Your abode and the home of Your honor. Make us worthy of blessed comfort and the position of Your right hand. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your Father, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Number: 10

P: To the Great Lord the Messiah, who fed us by breaking His Body and let us drink by mixing His Blood and made us heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise, You are due praise all the days of our life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Sedra

P: O God, our Father, who is hidden from the watchers and the angels before You and the beloved Son; who by His love was revealed to the world and before the Holy Spirit makes the world holy by His indwelling, on the Holy altar of sacrifice before Your throne of grace, we submit our spiritual sacrifices of true repentance, praise, and thanksgiving. Accept these, clear our debts, forgive our transgressions and wipe out all the faults of Your parish.

O Lord, make us worthy to take communion at Your Holy table with purity. Keep us all our days in guiltless and pure life. O Lord, support the aged. Make our youth mature. Foster our children in Your grace. Adorn our women with meekness and temperance. Protect the orphans and widows. Heal our sick. May Your peace rule among us. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You and to Your Father and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

Number: 11

P: Praise be to Jesus Christ, the Chief Priest of our praise and the blessed and Holy Sacrifice who redeemed us from our sins by His Holy Body. Who by his sacrifice justified the world. To Him who is great, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise, all the days of our life, are due praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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Sedra

P: Our Lord Messiah who is before ages, born from His glorious Father without a mother and in the fullness of time was born from a Virgin Mother without a father, the Lord of all the worlds, who was willingly offered as a Sacrifice on the tree of the Cross and through this Sacrifice justified all the races and the peoples, the Lamb, and the Virgin ewe, at this time when we offer this sacrifice, kindly look at our misery. Kindly abide with us and among us. Sanctify our hearts and thoughts so that we can become clean bodies befitting Your divinity as You abide amidst the Heavenly Hosts and be well pleasing to You. O merciful Lord, by the communion of Your Holy Body and Priceless Blood, may all the thorny bushes of sin be burnt off from our organs. May Your Holy Body and Blessed Blood be for our life's sourdough and the earnest of our eternal life. We will offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your Father, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Number: 12

P: To the great and loftiest Lord Messiah, who created us from nothingness and brought us to being and redeemed us from sin's slavery and by His Priceless Blood appointed us to the sonship and is the High Priest, at this time of perfecting the Divine Sacrifice of praise, all the days of our life, is due praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord God, who makes... p. 14.

Sedra

P: O the great Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep, praises be to You. We praise You. While I am despicable and contemptible clod from earth, You made me worthy for the service of Your Divine Mysteries and gave me the grace to sing Your praises with the cherubim who glorify Your greatness up above and the seraphim who sing Holy, I am standing before the fiery place before the throne of the flame of fire, to pray for the remission of sins for Your people and release for all Your creation. O Lord, before those who have been unfortunate, open Your rich treasure. Grant to the sheep of Your parish, Your good favors, Tear the bonds of those who are in debt. Forgive the fault of the sinners. Erase from our memory all the misdeeds we have done. May those who have been lost return through You and gather in front of You. We draw night unto You with these offerings of praise which have been placed before You, taking refuge in Your Grace. Let Your Holy Spirit descend, delighting in our offerings, sanctify them and bless us by removing our injustice and adorning us with the indestructible robes and make us worthy of the joy of heaven. We offer praise and thanksgiving to You, Your Father, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**